

Collier Parks and Rec Board
Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023

1) Call to Order at 6:35 pm. A quorum was not present.

Present: Kathi Jobkar, Mary Popeck, and Sue Harford. Deb Zymroz & Julie Murphy from the Friends group also attended. (Deb and Julie are pending members of the Park & Rec board.) Rob Shazer (Director/Parks & Recreation) was also present.

Absent: Jeff Witman and Matt Shipton

2) Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by Board via email

3) Public Comment/Acknowledgement of Guests: None

4) Parks and Recreation Department Reports:

- Received \$1k sponsorship for stage at Collierfest from Nevillewood
- Currently have over 40 vendors for Collierfest
- Met with engineers to discuss new ball fields and pavilion at Collier Park
- First Responders Day was a success on September 9th
- Met with Michelle Lutz from COGS to apply for grants at Webb Park for water fountains on concession stand and pavilion area (\$20k+)
- Received Sponsorship for all games, stage, and beer tent (\$4k+)
- Received 3 AEDs from Gallagher Home Health for Webb, Kelly, and Collier Park (\$7k)
- Boy Scouts Eagle Scout project to Paint Concession Stand at Webb Park (\$5k)
- Met with Soccer association to discuss planning a Halloween Parade around track at Collier Park on October 28th
- Planning a Halloween Egg Hunt mid-October – TBD
- Scheduled speaker for Veterans Day brunch
- Jay Cruz and Natalie agreed to volunteer to cook and serve for Veterans Day brunch
- Met with Mitch/CBSA to discuss the final upgrade to Big Webb to make infield the correct size and grade – Public Works is doing the work
- Oglebay Bus trip scheduled for December 14th
- Added Line Dancing classes starting October 2nd
- Having an Information Booth at Collierfest to push programming, memberships - giving everyone a discount if the sign up the day of

5) Friends of Collier Report: Deb Zymroz shared the following updates:

- New memorial bench design has been installed on Discover Trail. It is a blue design with black name placard. Friends will evaluate the feasibility of using the benches on a go-forward basis.

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- Collierfest basket fundraiser: Currently over 30 baskets have been donated. More will be forthcoming. Looking forward to a good fundraiser.
 - Jennie Lee bread fundraiser was discussed.
 - Friends is evaluating the potential purchase of a small golf-cart like truck to help and assist with Parks and Rec activities.
- 6) Old Business:** The board discussed many of the preparations and volunteer activities for the upcoming Collierfest on September 22 and 23.
- 7) New Business:** Discussion of combining the efforts and meetings of the Friends of Parks and Rec and Parks and Rec board was held. There was much agreement on this topic. **Action:** Mary Popeck and Julie Murphy will initiate the next steps working closely with both boards.
- 8) Board Member Comments:** There is much enthusiasm for the work ahead. We are looking forward to engaging many more community volunteers in the Parks and Rec initiatives.
- 9) Adjournment:** 7:37 pm
- 10) Next Meeting:** 6:30pm on October 16th @ Community Center