

January 12th, 2022
Clinton Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm
Clinton Parks & Recreation Building
560 High Street

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Chairman Ed Verrier, Commissioner Patricia Kerrigan, Commissioner John Green, Commissioner Mike Garofoli, Interim Director Mackenzie Maloof

Administrative:

Parks & Recreation:

1. Department Updates

- Mackenzie recounts the successful enrollment and execution of the 3 Gingerbread workshops in December.
- Mackenzie explains the alternative childcare program that took place over holiday break in December, and how the department was able to have successful enrollment, while staying within compliance of COVID-19 guidelines.
- Discussion of Light Up Clinton winners and participation with over 500 community members having voted for 8 contestants.

2. Upcoming of Events:

- Mackenzie explains that Parks & Recreation followed the lead of other departments and organizations around town, slowing programming for the beginning of the month following the surge in COVID-19 numbers after the holidays.
- Saturday morning back-to-back youth programs, Microathletics and Ninja Class, are scheduled to begin at the end of the month with respect to COVID-19 guidelines and regulations. Both programs have full enrollment.
- February Break Playground, the childcare program for over February vacation now has full enrollment with a waitlist.
- John asks what the proper protocol is in the instance of a positive case at one of our programs. Mackenzie explains that we must notify all in attendance and encourage them to get tested, and all staff must have a negative COVID test before returning.
- Mackenzie mentions the Daddy Daughter Dance, and proposes that due to the anticipated turnout and current COVID-19 regulations we make the decision to postpone until May and hold the event outdoors at Central Park to minimize the risk for the community.
- Mackenzie discusses planning for Summer Playground, and advertising for counselor and counselor-in-training positions. As well as having secured the reservation to use the Clinton High School space, having cleared this with Superintendent Dr. Steve Meyer and Principal Scott Czermak. Mackenzie goes on

to explain that we are planning for higher enrollment numbers and field trips, but this is subject to change based on COVID-19 guidelines as the summer program gets closer.

- Patti asks about the possibility of alternatives to field trips depending on up to date guidelines at the time of summer programming. Mackenzie agrees with this possible alternative and elaborates on the different inflatables, mini golf, and other activities that were able to come out to us this past summer due to COVID-19 precautions.
- Mother-Son Movie Night is discussed, with the possibility of using the high school football field, or Fuller Field using the inflatable screen rental in order to uphold the Mother-Son tradition as well.
- John mentions that we will need to schedule raindates for both of these events because they are being held outdoors. Mackenzie agrees that this will be accounted for in scheduling of the events.
- Patti mentions the possibility of having a Princess Ball, and involving the high school drama club.

3. New & Old Business:

- Patti discusses how she reached out to the two finalists for the position. She explained that the first applicant, Kelvin, has limited availability and is having trouble finding time to schedule an interview. The second applicant, Alyssa, had questions about a possible increase in the salary. Alyssa ultimately withdrew her application. Kelvin tentatively scheduled an interview for next Wednesday at 6pm.
- The board discusses reposting the position and potentially looking into the job requirements.
- The board discusses having the Chair, Ed Verrier, and the Vice Chair, John Green, conduct the initial interview.
- The board reviews the job description and discusses potential changes, and asks Mackenzie to look over the accuracy of the job responsibilities as someone who works in the department.

John makes a motion to adjourn at 6:41, Patti seconds. All in favor.