

BALDWIN PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19th, 2024

Present: Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, Lester Kriesel, and Town Board Liaison Tom Rush
Absent – Chair Zac Good

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice Chair Sarah Koste.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Add/Amend/Approve: *Mary Larson made motion to approve the agenda. Lester Kriesel seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Clerk Minutes: Mary Larson made a motion to approve the August 15th 2024 meeting minutes. Lester Kriesel seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

PLAT: None

New Business: None

Old Business: Final 2024 FunFest Update

Mary Larson is the Chair of FunFest. She stated that she had a wonderful committee this year and everyone is on board to come back next year. We are under budget at \$1,310.01, and we have \$189.99 left, we have a request for donations on water, donuts, and coffee that we are still waiting for approval on. If donations do not go through, we will use the rest of the expenses for that. Mary Larson looked at last year's expenses making sure we had everything listed for expenses. Doing a variety of things this year for the kids, temporary hair dye, tattoos instead of face painting, bingo from 12pm to 3pm, the bounce house is being delivered, set up and taken down at no extra expense. We also have cotton candy and popcorn. We have 9 booths this year with a variety of products. The FunFest committee met at the park 2 weeks ago and went over all the logistics on where to put everything. We are setting up a volunteer booth with an information sheet for residents to sign up for next year's events. We got new t-shirts for volunteers, and trophies for the car show, Mary Larson is making handmade thank you cards for those who donated this year. We had \$1,378 worth of donations. Next year a number of residents would like to see FunFest expand. The Park Committee is looking into a date that works best for next year, so that we do not compete with other events. Mary Larson asked Tom Rush if he has a connection with the Twins baseball team so we can look into having them next year. Mary Larson requested a new location for next year so we can have a bigger event. Some of the ideas for next year are food trucks, carnival rides, the car show, vendors and fire department grilling. Lester Kriesel stated that he has videos of FunFest from past years. Mary Larson asked if he could bring it in so we could play it

in the background. Tom Rush asked if we had gotten a call from the lady who wants to sing, Mary Larson stated she has not heard from her and has left her multiple messages. Rob Rydmark stated that the FunFest ad was in the paper, but he noticed there was no mention of a car show. Mary Larson stated she would give Zimmerman Paper a call. Mary Larson stated that everyone on her FunFest committee donated something. Robb Rydmark asked about noise during bingo, Mary Larson assured him that all the kids' activities are behind the brown shed and bingo is in front so everything will be fine. A contact from the Legion asked if there were snacks during bingo, Mary Larson asked if this was a good idea. Sarah Koste suggested pretzels. Robb Rydmark stated that we have a lot of fun activities, but we do not have parking. Mary Larson is suggesting that we have next year's FunFest at another spot so that we can have a bigger event. Tom Rush stated that he will look into the land that Baldwin owns off 9 and 45. Mary Larson suggested that next year we have the Burnicks truck with liquor, if that is allowed. Lester Kriesel stated that we need to make sure we look into insurance before we look into having alcohol. Rob Rydmark stated if we want to go bigger, we have to have volunteers. Mary Larson stated we have a few this year, and the volunteer booth will hopefully bring in more volunteers for next year. Mary Larson brought up the idea of doing a time capsule with items showing how we became a city and how we started out.

Comprehensive Plan: None

Park Updates, Town Board Liaison Tom Rush: We had someone inquire about having a hot air balloon at Young Park. They want to launch it there; we are checking to see how many times they want to launch it. The chief has some safety concerns about doing it at Young Park. We need to check where they would launch the hot air balloon. This was proposed at the September 9th Town Board meeting. Everything else is wrapping up for the softball and baseball teams. Those teams used our fields from May through mid-August. Young Park is being used a lot for rentals. Zac is getting an apron put on the culvert at Sandy Lake to alleviate the runoff. Bogart Pederson is working with soil conservation for Lake Diann and Sandy Lake. Tom Rush stated that he would like to look into putting a park like Young Park on this side of the highway and thinks it would be beneficial.

Other Business: None

Adjourn Meeting – Mary Larson made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 7:42 pm; Lester Kriesel seconded the motion. Motion adjourned.


Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

10/17/24
Date


Approved by: Sarah Koste
Chair