

VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE

13600 Juneau Boulevard

Elm Grove, WI 53122

RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 19th, 2021 * 4:00PM * Park View Room

AGENDA

1. **Call meeting to order**

2. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes Dated July 15, 2021**
Documents:

[RC071521m.pdf](#)

3. **2021 Summer Pool Report**

4. **Summer 2021 Program Report**

5. **Discussion and Possible Action on July 29th, 2021 Pool Party Incident**

6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Elm Grove Pool Bathroom Cleaning**

7. **4th of July Recap**
Documents:

[July 4th analysis.pdf](#)

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

10. **Adjourn**

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 15th, 2021 4:00pm P.M., Park View Room

1.) Call meeting to order

Trustee Cornell called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Present: Present by Zoom: Mr. Wes Parkin, Trustee and Chairperson Katy Cornell, Mrs. Stacy Barry-Coffey, Dr. Susan Retzack, Mr. Ryan Black, Trustee Tom Michalski

Absent: Village President Neil Palmer

Also Present: Mr. Jerod Mikkelsen, Recreation Director

2.) Review and Approve Meeting Minutes Dated June 17th, 2021

After discussion, Mrs. Barry-Coffey motioned to approve the June 17th, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Mr. Michalski seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3.) Discussion and Possible Action on Concealed Carry in the Elm Grove Park

Mr. Mikkelsen presented his memo and stated that in 2018 there was state law passed that prohibited municipalities to restrict concealed carry firearms in public parks.

4.) Discussion and Possible Action on Allowing Food Trucks at the Elm Grove Beer Garden

Mr. Mikkelsen presented his memo on the Village Board proposed process of allowing food trucks to serve during Elm Grove Beer Garden nights. After further discussion the committee asked that Mr. Mikkelsen get specific dates that the food trucks will guarantee that they will attend. Dr. Retzack made a motion to allow food trucks to serve at the Elm Grove Beer Garden on specific dates with guarantees that the food trucks will attend as well as placement of flags outside of Elm Grove park to notify patrons of food trucks in the park. Mrs. Barry-Coffey seconded the motion, the motion passed 7-0.

5.) Discussion on Extending Elm Grove Pool Closing Date

Mr. Mikkelsen reported his progress on securing staff to extend the pool closing date. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that all head guards will be going back to college after the second week of August. Mr. Mikkelsen is going to reach out to lifeguards that are interested in filling in as head guards for the extended opening time. The Recreation committee thanked Mr. Mikkelsen for his efforts on attempting to extend the pool closing date.

6.) July 2021 Elm Grove Pool Report

Mr. Mikkelsen presented his July 2021 report for the committee. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that the pool has returned to normal numbers. Mr. Mikkelsen is excited to continue the summer and provide a nice and environment for patrons.

7.) Summer Program Update

Mr. Mikkelsen reported to the committee that all programs have been going extremely well. All programs are showing growing numbers and have been well operated by summer staff. Mr. Mikkelsen also stated that he is working on the Fall Recreation Guide

8.) 4th of July Recap

Mr. Mikkelsen presented his recap of the 4th of July event. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that overall the event went very smoothly and there was a constant flow of people throughout the event. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that the food truck lines were long at times due to the amount of people in the park. Mr. Mikkelsen estimated that there was over 6,000 people in the park during the fireworks. Former 4th of July Chair Mary Inden asked for her recap of the event to be passed to the Recreation Committee, the recap was tabled until the next meeting.

9.) Old Business

Dr. Retzack asked Mr. Mikkelsen to have the Forester prune a damaged tree in the park near the southeast corner. Dr. Retzack also asked for the re-seeding of the area in front of the pavilion be scheduled by the Forester since the grass is struggling to grow back since the splash pad construction.

10.) New Business

No new business was reported.

11.) Adjourn

Mrs. Barry-Coffey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm, Dr. Retzack seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerod K. Mikkelsen, Recreation Director

DRAFT

To: Recreation Committee

The Fireworks were fabulous!!! Huge crowd!! DJ was fantastic!!

Jerod put in a spectacular effort for the Village residents. Having chaired and co-chaired this event for 35 years, I understand what it took to get this event organized after a year off. Below are suggestions and comments for consideration by the Recreation Committee.

General Comments:

A Number of attendees commented to me about the medals as being “cheap” and lacked delineation of first (gold), second (silver) and third (bronze) medals.

*There were dozens of medals from previous years available but not distributed.

Having only two food trucks was a big negative. It would have been better to have more trucks and more variety. The Taco truck ran out of chicken mid-afternoon. Some people won't eat beef.

Fun Run:

No Village vehicle was made available for safety at the end of the line of runners. Historically, we provided a vehicle with water and a first aid kit in case any runner/walker had problems. It's a Village-sponsored event and should be treated as such. There were also a number of complaints about the quality and type of medals.

Bike Decorating Contest:

No experienced judges were present to help organize the contestants.

More children complained to me on the poor quality/delineation of medals.

**Five men arrived, as the Bike Decorating Contest was starting, dressed in full revolutionary garb. The leader of the group approached me asking if I was in charge. I told him no, but that I would introduce him to Jerod. He said he was on Facebook of the “guild” and came for the event. (The Guild member, Jody, in charge of their site did not ‘invite’ them). As the contest ended, they wanted to participate in the flag raising ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance and then give a presentation. In the past 15 or 20 years, we have invited Revolutionary War re-enactors to participate on the 4th. Jerod was called away and could not introduce the group or lead the Pledge, so he said I should step in and introduce them and lead the Pledge.

On the 4th, there were toilet paper/paper hand towel shortages at critical times, as well as the need for picking up trash in the ladies' locker/restroom areas. I know Jerod has been working hard to maintain cleanliness in the bathrooms, however, he obviously needed more help.

The committee needs to reconsider having volunteer/s take over the position of Family Fun Fest Chairperson again. This person would again work closely with our VERY HARD working Recreation Director and all the other department heads as well as the chairs for the Bike Decorating contest, the Fun Run, and Junior Guild. This is a job that should be separated again from the Recreation Director's responsibilities and given to volunteers, as in the past. With the pool and splash pad maintenance, park cleanup, employee supervision duties, etc., adding on this responsibility/job” was not necessary for Jerod to assume. It should be delegated to volunteers that report to Jerod and the Recreation Committee. During my tenure, we always had beginning and wrap-up meetings with the Rec Director, Village Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, Junior Guild, and Fun Run Organizers and then a final report to the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary J. Inden

