

## Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

August 9, 2023

Present: Minni Plante, Dave Stasiak, Bob Giegerich, Lois Giegerich, Nicki St George, Anne Marie Cassel, Amber Johnson

The secretary's reports from the June and July meetings were approved as written.

F B Argue Recreation Area will close on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The area will be open until 5:00 on that day. After the staff cleans up, we will thank them with a pizza party. Nicki volunteered to order and pick up the pizza. All employees will be asked to reapply next year if they want to come back. Some thoughts on improvement for next year are new kickboards, a baby swing, changing table, volleyball net, and noodles. Minni will talk with Cara about removing the Rotary sign from the front of the building.

The Merrimack Valley Bible Church uses the area each summer for a picnic and baptism site and have been generous over the years with donations. They have offered to paint the front of the building with a mural. We would supply the paint and they would do the work. This was approved once they submitted a design.

Lynda Vogt will be moving to Rhode Island and submitted a letter of resignation. Bob suggested she could attend meetings though Zoom. We accepted it with regret. We decided to give her a thank you card and a Home Depot gift card for her plus 10 years of service on the Commission at the end of season pizza party. Bob and Lois will pick up the gift card and Minni will get the thank you card.

Harvest Fest will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 12-3. Nicki has already arranged for the horse drawn wagon ride. Dave offered to look for a place nearby for 100 pumpkins. Minni reported that PYW has

offered to possibly consider taking the lead on an activity. Some members volunteered to work on certain activities.

Face painting- Anne Marie

Pumpkins- Dave

Hayride- Nicki

Marty Boisvert- Nicki

PYW- Minni

Cider- Anne Marie

Sno Riders- Nicki/Minni

Historical Society- Minni

Chili Contest- Rotary/ Nicki

Library-

Fire Department- Minni

Vendors- Minni

Advertising- Vicki/Minni

Joy Church- Anne Marie

More planning will be done at the September meeting. Minni will order more goose spray to be sprayed the week before Harvest Fest if needed.

Next meeting: September 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Plante

