

# Town of New Chicago

## Parks Board Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** 11/8/2022

**Start Meeting:**

**Roll Call:**

Kim Krikava - Absent

Joe Bachman – Present

Trilaina Bachman - Present

Morgan McCabe - Present

Dave Anderson (Council Member) - Present

**Minutes:** October Meeting Minutes – Morgan made the motion to pass the October meeting minutes. Trilaina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance:**

**Old Business:**

- Park T-Shirts
  - Invoice for the park t-shirts has been sent to Dorothy.
  - Discussion took place about how great the t-shirts turned out.
- Quote for Urinal Replacement
  - No update on this currently.
- New Sign at Twin Oaks Park
  - This is being held for discussion until Spring.
- Haunted Park
  - The haunted park was a great success for the park and the school. While the park did not make money on this particular event, the River Forest National Honor Society raised \$1,308 for their organization and over 1,000 pairs of socks between what was brought to the event and what students had brought to the school.
  - Joe will be creating a form on the website to send to the NHS students to fill out to get further ideas for next year.
- Partnership with River Forest on Haunted Park
  - The parks board discussed doing more events in the future with River Forest School. There is mutual interest already between the River Forest National Honor Society and the New Chicago Parks Board in definitely doing the Haunted Park again next year.
- Ordinance Updates
  - The ordinances are being voted on by the council at the next town council meeting.
    - **Section 5-3: Closing Times**
      - **Council is amending this ordinance.**
    - **Section 5-11: Fees to be charged by the Parks Department**
      - **Council is amending this ordinance.**
    - **Section 5-10: Vandalism and destruction of property**

- **This is covered by another ordinance already and does not require any amendments or new ordinance.**

**New Business:**

- Mulch for Playground Areas
  - Quotes are still in progress. It was suggested we check with Forney's on US 6 in Portage.
  - Morgan is going to reach out to River Forest to see who they would recommend.
- Christmas Caroling at Twin Oaks Park
  - "Holiday Songs" at Twin Oaks Park.
    - December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. A small bonfire will be available to keep warm and sing around. The snack shack will be open selling hot coco, coffee, and cider. We are also doing a cookie swap where people can bring a dozen cookies to swap for other holiday cookies from the community.
- Season End Closure of Twin Oaks Park
  - Winterizing of the park will take place sometime on or after December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Legal Reports: None**

**Announcements: None**

**Other Business:**

- Morgan is going to reach out to the town electrical inspector, Lou, to have him come give a quote on upgrading the electric at the park.
- New Fridge at the Snack Shack – Dorothy will be ordering the new fridge for the snack shack.
- Popcorn Machine – Still doing more research on this.
- New Chi Parks & Rec w/ Lake Station-New Chicago Public Library will be doing a dramatic reading of Beauty & The Beast on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm at the Lake Station-New Chicago Public Library. Also, on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm, a dramatic reading of Charlotte's Web will take place at the Lake Station-New Chicago Public Library.
- Morgan did receive approval for the Oral History Project. More details on this will come in following months.
- Morgan is also submitting a letter to the town council as a draft letter that will be sent to the national level of the American Legion inquiring about Post 454 building in town.

**Open Forum for community (3 mins per person):**

**None**

**Comments from Board Members:**

General discussion took place about the accomplishments of the parks board this past year.

**Adjournment:** Joe made a motion to adjourn. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended around 7:35pm.