

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021

Present: Paula, Glenn, Flo, Jim, Paul, Paula, Louise, Ann

Absent: Mark

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The August 31st meeting minutes were approved.

4th of July subcommittee update:

Fireworks the Chamber is sponsoring still not determined

Hours will be 11:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. with limited stations opened prior the main parade

Considering using the covered bridge for display of past 4th of July events

Looking into replacing lawn type games with items such as climbing wall – bounce house

Gingerbread houses December 4th. Chamber suggested we also have an adult gingerbread house contest that would be displayed in the Village.

Breakfast with Santa December 11th. Need to cut cost and get more donations. Will give the list of supplies needed to the Chamber as they offered their support.

It was discussed with a few Chamber Board Members that an invite could be extended to the Jewish community for a Hanukkah display during Starry Starry Weekend.

Scarecrow contest has been posted. Louise & Ann will install the garden posts. Businesses have been contacted to get their permission to place scarecrows on their property.

Halloween Holler event has been changed to October 23rd in hopes it will be warmer since the event will be held outside of Harold Martin School this year due to Covid restrictions. Flo will be asking the Interact Club for volunteers to help out with crafts and games, Paula will pick up hay bales, Jim will get fire permit and smore sticks and Paul will pick up fire ring and firewood at Kimball Cabins. It was decided to pre-bag the smore ingredients due to Covid guidelines. Volunteers will wear their masks when in close proximity of the children. Instead of face painting we will offer hand painting so we aren't so near to the child's face.

Halloween costume party has been cancelled this year as the number of covid cases are back on the rise. Louise will contact the American Legion to let them know of the decision and thank them for their support. Hopefully next year we will be able to hold this joint venture.

The recreation department will be encouraging people to place their jack-o-lanterns on the stone wall at Veterans Park. Each year more pumpkins have been added. The lights will be lite on Halloween night.

Recreation Director updates:

Camp went well overall. Some days were difficult to plan due to the ongoing construction. Staff was very flexible to accommodate the changes.

Flo has been hired to assist with the Junior Explorers program.

British Soccer Camp will be held this year. This is a good revenue source for the department.

Next meeting: October 26, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr