

**Ashford Parks and Recreation**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Present:** Sherry York, Sandra Moquin, Kim Ayers, Dan Kehoe, and Garth Bean

**Call to Order** at 7:00 P.M.

**Public to be heard:** none

**Guest:** Neil Gordon – potential future APRC commissioner

**Financial Report:** None – to be reviewed in November’s meeting

**Chair Person’s Report:** Kim is pleased that the Family Day event went smoothly

**Minutes:** September’s minutes were reviewed. Dan made motion to approve and Kim seconded. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bike Race:** 80 people participated in this event. The weather was forecasted rainy but was OK. Other events were going on at the same time. After we receive the bill from the Ashford School we will determine net income or loss for this event. We spoke about the idea of starting the race at the Senior Center to save on costs. We also need to advertise on a continual basis. We will also reconsider the Buell’s rest stop. Follow-up is being done with the injured cyclist who fell off of her bike.

It was noted that Garth Bean spends many hours on this event and many miles setting up this course.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Halloween Party – Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 5:00-7:00 P.M.**
  - PTO – Food
  - Library – Younger kids games in cafeteria
  - Lobby – Garth – Donuts Eating Contest and Sandra Moquin- Crafts APRC
  - Gym – APRC will be in charge of older kids games in the gym. ( Whittle Equipment?)
  - Court Yard – Girl Scouts
  - Set-Up is at 4 P.M. - Need 4 Dozen Donuts (fresh) Neil Gordon offered to help with set-up
    - Jim York – Will be doing “Mad Scientist Laboratory”
    - Miss Silverstein - and Student Council to host Pumpkin Decorating/Carving contest
  - It was noted that many hands are needed for this event.** The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be helping.
- **Programs**
  - **Basketball** – Sherry attended a conference and learned many ways to make this a better program to fit the needs of the children in this area.
    - **New league is called “Lake’s Recreation League”** Includes Coventry, Bolton, Mansfield, Hebron and Ashford. Teams are for boys and girls and include grades 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be an instructional program for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. High Schooler’s also sponsored through APRC with 10 games includes 5 home and 5 away. The APRC pays for the referee at home games. League organizes in early Dec. Practice is the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November for grades 3-8. Commitments to league Nov. 16th
  - **Carol Sing and Tree lighting – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
  - **Bus Trips:**
    - November 14<sup>th</sup> – Radio City – Need Chaperone
    - November 26<sup>th</sup> – Macy’s Parade
    - December 5<sup>th</sup> – New York City Trip SOLD OUT

- **New Business: Next Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

There is no meeting in December, next meeting on budget January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- **Parks and Maintenance Update:** Discussed clearing overgrowth near the tennis courts. Also discussed new landscaping ideas for that area. Sherry spoke with Gwen Edzema the “shrub lady” for ideas.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Garth Bean and seconded by Dan Kehoe. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

**Minutes taken by Sandra Moquin, and electronically submitted to Sherry York**