

**OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kerstin Schulz at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Kerstin Schulz, Larry Stelmach, Ashlee Thostenson, Alicia Vickerman.

Absent: Committee members Orlando Ponce and Brittney Quant

Others present: Community Management Coordinator Joe Amerman

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Bonn, to approve the meeting's agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Thostenson, to approve the February 4, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schulz advised the public that this is the time for public comments. There were no public comments.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. YELLOW TREE THEATRE PERFORMANCE SERIES

Amerman stated late last March, Yellow Tree Theatre approached the city with a plan to put on a series of six performances at Boerboom Park over the course of the Summer. These would be scheduled for June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, as well as August 12 and 24. (The final performance was previously scheduled as part of the Music and Movies in the Park program.) Approval of the bandshell use for this series was put before the City Council for approval at their meeting on April 26. During this meeting, the Council chose to table the item and tasked Staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee with finding additional

ways to support the series. Following the April meeting, Yellow Tree informed the city they were interested in partnering with Omni Brewing to provide refreshments at the June 10 performance. The special event permit, and temporary liquor license for this event was approved at the May 24 City Council meeting, along with the bandshell use permit, bandshell use fee waiver, gateway sign use permit, and gateway sign fee waiver for the remainder of the series. Staff commented further on the four events being planned by Yellow Tree, how they would be promoted by the City and requested feedback from the Committee.

Bonn asked what type of performances would be conducted. Amerman reported the performances would be musical in nature. He noted the band that would be performing on June 10th was called Mississippi.

Bonn questioned suggested Omni Brewing be present at each Yellow Tree performance. Amerman stated this was being considered tentatively.

Bonn suggested the Lions provide food at these events.

Schulz noted the Lions had provided food tents for the antique car show and craft fair.

Bonn stated another option would be to invite in a local restaurant to provide food or beer.

Thostenson reported there was a gentleman that came with ice cream on a bicycle at Night to Unite. She suggested this gentleman be invited to participate in the Yellow Tree events, along with the hot dog vendor.

Vickerman suggested boards be placed along Highway 81 for these events. She stated she liked all of the other ideas.

Bonn stated other food trucks could be brought in as well to provide visitors with a nice dinner prior to the Yellow Tree musical events.

Schulz recommended local business owners be encouraged to post a flyer about the Yellow Tree events.

Stelmach suggested the Yellow Tree events be posted on the City's website sooner rather than later.

Thostenson recommended Facebook events also be created for each Yellow Tree performance.

Bonn recommended Yellow Tree promote these events on their website as well.

Further discussion ensued regarding parking for the Yellow Tree performances.

Thostenson suggested the Lions be contacted to provide chairs and tables for the events.

Stelmach recommended these chairs be put on hard surfaces so as not to wreck the grass.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

Amerman stated the Yellow Tree Theater would be hosting special event with Omni Brewing on Thursday, June 10th at Boerboom Park at 7:00 p.m.

Amerman reported Music and Movies in the Park would hold its first even on Tuesday, June 15th. The full schedule of events was reviewed with the Committee. The Committee encouraged staff to have food trucks lined up for each Music and Movie in the Park event.

Amerman explained the Osseo Farmer's Market would begin on Tuesday, July 13th.

10. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Amerman stated the next Parks and Recreation meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 5th.

Amerman discussed the youth sports programming noting the City had 299 sign ups this summer.

Bonn reported the Osseo strength class has 30 members and was working out mask free. She noted she had 15 people attending the yoga class.

Thostenson explained her 2½ year old son was participating in the t-ball program and was having a great time. She thanked the coaches for their great work with the children and thanked the City for offering this programming.

Vickerman concurred the sports programming was great and her children were having a wonderful time this summer.

Schulz encouraged older children in Osseo to consider signing up for summer programming.

Schulz thanked all of the residents and visitors that attended the car show and craft fair.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Thostenson, seconded by Vickerman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther
Minute Maker Secretarial