

Portage Park Board Minutes

November 5, 2014

Present: Susan Atkinson, Emily Hirschman, Kathleen Hoyle, Sisira Kavuri, Jon Peer, Roger Smith, Charles Thomas, Jan Whitcomb

Excused: Doug Barrett, Tim Earl

Staff: William Deming

Secretary Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Introductions and welcome of new Board Members.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Ms. Hoyle abstained. Motion approved.

A. Mr. Deming gave a brief orientation to the new Board Members of the activities the Parks Board.

B. Ms. Hoyle explained the purpose of the Friends of Portage Parks and website. There is a need to raise funds for Recycled Art in the Park prize money, in addition to developing a volunteer base to help with activities in the parks.

The 2015 date for Recycled Art in the Park is pending; waiting for confirmation on a date that the Rat Rod Association will be available to attend.

Ms. Whitcomb explained the Friends of Ramona Park. They are members of the Friends of Portage Parks, who have volunteered at Ramona Park with clean up and planting of flowers. The Friends of Ramona Park are inactive due to the cold weather conditions.

C. The Traditional Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 6, 2014. Ms. Whitcomb explained that Board members volunteer to help serve cookies and milk in the Celery Flats barn. Last year Ms. Whitcomb reported the Board members arrived around 6:45 p.m. and left by 8:15 p.m.

D. Election of Officers. The former Chair and Vice-Chair have resigned. Mr. Thomas motioned to table the election until the December meeting when Mr. Earl can be present. Ms. Hoyle seconded, motion approved.

Summary of Activities: Mr. Deming shared the Jingle Bell Run is set for Nov. 16, 2014. The Traditional Holiday Tree Lighting is set for December 6, 2014.

Comments from the Board: Ms. Hoyle, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Whitcomb each welcomed the new members to the Board.

Mr. Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Hoyle. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Whitcomb
Park Board Secretary