

Park and Recreation Committee Meeting
9/24/22 Crystal Lake Park 10:30 am

Members present: Jim Fitzgerald, Jen Marston, Karen Stockwell, Cathay Lines
Members Absent: Kristen Menard and Krista Nielson

The meeting started with a reflection of how our summer activities went , the positives and the negatives.
Park Cleanup: It is helpful to do a park cleanup but unless you get many hands , it is difficult to complete. Perhaps reaching out to other groups to help or leaving it to the maintenance staff.

Music Nights: three nights were held, They were well attended. The musicians that donated their time and talent were Matt Langley, Carleton Page and The Reifsnnyder Family. They enjoyed themselves, and the crowd. They each are eager to return next summer.

We appreciated the time, motivation, effort and fun from the Boy Scouts. They were responsible and well organized. They had a great variety of food that was enjoyed by all.

The camping in the park was not well attended, but the committee feels that it is worth trying again.

The committee had a lengthy discussion as to how to get even larger numbers in attendance. We have advertised in the Daily Sun, posters at each post office and on facebook community pages. It was noted that the Labor Day committee had a banner and posters that we used and placed at the dump and strategic places to cover the whole town. It seemed to work better. Investing in a generic banner that can be put up the week prior, like Music in the Park Saturday.

Another idea was to have a Gilmanton Open Mic night, and an antique car show with available food trucks.

The committee then looked around the park and took notice of some items that needed to be addressed.

1. The wood chips under the swings need to be raked and the holes filled in
2. The bathroom roof needs to be assessed as there appeared to be an opening , lots of pine needles
3. Pole barn; there are a couple of poles that do not touch the ground and need to be replaced. A licensed contractor has looked at them and said they were all load bearing poles and it is an important issue to fix
4. Swim lines need to be removed and stored

The last item was that Cathy is resigning her position on the park committee. She is frustrated with many things and feels she is a detriment to the committee. Karen is also leaving. So how does the committee move forward? Jim and Jen are willing to hang in and keep trying to improve the park and its programs. Jim and Jen are younger and eager with many good ideas. They said they were willing to co-chair the committee and invite two people to replace Cathy and Karen. Cathy will notify administration of these changes and the contact info for Jim and Jen.

Thank you Jim, Jen, Karen, and Kristen for your time, efforts, energy and great ideas. I know the park means a great deal to all of you. Good luck and please know that you can reach out to me for help in any way.

Sincerely, Catherine Lines