

HANOVER PARK BOARD *meeting* minute January 2, 2024

Those in attendance: Debbie Kroger, Treva Shelton, Ben Sommers, Tim Buxton, Scott Davidson, Megan Varble and Coby Cloud.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR IN REVIEW Scott presented a report on the youth programs from 2021 thru 2023 along with a list of activities and events that the park hosted in 2023. The report also included the number of rentals and activities that utilized the Community Building. For example, rentals in 2022 were 27; in 2023 there were 37 plus a number of groups either played cards or held special gatherings like the Jefferson County Retired Teachers who held 4 luncheons in the community building and the Sw 8th grade class' Semi formal dance which took place in the building May 13th

DNR PROJECT The siding is nearing completion on the buildings on fields 1 & 2 Plus work continues on Building #3. The 60' light poles for field #2 have been ordered and should be delivered this month.

HANOVER CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE Collin and Lauren Toler represented the Hanover Co-ed softball league and made a check presentation of \$6,000 to the Hanover Parks Department to be used for equipment, etc. Speaking on behalf of Kevin Jester, Toler thanked the board for their continued support and for use of the facilities. During the 2023 year, the Coed softball group also sponsored teams and kids as well as purchased chalk, field conditioner, batting mats and protective screens. They look forward to working closely with the park office and the board in future endeavors. Debbie Kroger did mention that the Hanover Park Committee is being re-established to assist both Scott and Megan with park programs, activities and events and Toler noted he would like to be involved.

VETERANS TREE It has been planted on the east side of the community building. Special thanks to River City Nursery. They found the tree (a 6' Norway Spruce), delivered it and planted it. The only charge to the parks was for the tree. The delivery and planting were donated. This tree was paid for by funds collected in 2022 at the Southwestern schools as part of their DIMES FOR DREAMS.

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT MERCHANDISE Scott reported that Suzy Sanders from Suzy's Customs is working on merchandise that will be sold online as well as onsite.. This would include shirts, hats, lanyards and stickers.

PROGRAMS

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT'S GIRLS BASKETBALL program over 30 girls are signed up for our third season of elementary girls basketball. Games are scheduled to start this coming Saturday (January 6). A big thank you goes out to the Southwestern School corporation. Games will be played Saturday mornings at SW elementary and Monday nights in the Auxiliary gym.

FEE INCREASES Scott requested that the park board/town council consider increasing sponsorship fees for teams and banners. Currently, a team sponsorship is \$200, a banner sponsorship is \$200 and the combo sponsorship is \$300. The proposed increase would be Team sponsorship \$250, Banner Sponsorship \$250 and combo sponsorship \$400. No participation fee increase was requested.

EVENT COORDINATORS REPORT

THE TINSEL TWINKLE TRAIL lights up the park nightly from dusk to dawn. There is no admission fee. The lights will be coming down this week

THE 3rd ANNUAL HOLLY JOLLY SANTA CELEBRATION took place Saturday December 9th from 2 to 7 in the community building. This event is put on by the not-for-profit organization HANOVER HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Really good turnout. It included the very popular SUGAR PLUM BAKE-OFF and Santa and Mrs Claus. Special thanks to the WIC office for allowing the use of their office for Santa and Mrs Claus. Each kid received a book with the older kids getting a chapter book thanks to a Women's Giving Circle grant. The Hanover Seniors sold cookies COOKIE CRUMBLE at the event as a fundraiser. The 2024 Christmas event is being reworked and will be a park event.

Megan announced she would like to have a Volunteers meeting on January 18th and the annual Easter Egg hunt at Hanover Park is scheduled for March 23. The Chelsea Church of God and others will be involved.

Scott noted that work has already begun on the 2024 baseball and softball season. Sponsor letters are set to go out in early February with participation forms shortly thereafter. Scott also requested that the park board/town council reconsider allowing an outside group run concessions during the upcoming baseball and softball season. The board did urge Scott to work with Coby on concessions during the basketball season

The next Hanover Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 6, 2024 at 530pm.

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