

Recreation Committee Meeting

April 3, 2024

Members Present: Chairman Larry Chapman, Jim Engelman, Jeff Link and Mayor Janet Winkler

Others Present: Town Manager, Jonathan Greer, Recreation Director, Chuck Raby, and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order:

Larry Chapman called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 noon.

Optimist Club Policies:

Chuck stated that when the deal was made between the Town and the Optimist Club for Optimist Park, the Optimist Club retained sponsorship signage and the operation of the concession stand for the Town's programs. Chuck commented that in order to let the Optimist Club know what is expected for the Park, he came up with policies for both the signs and the concession stand. Chuck commented that the soft drinks used in the concession stand will be Pepsi products, because Pepsi Cola of Hickory made a donation to the Park. He explained that the Optimist Club will be responsible for getting in touch with Pepsi, and the health department for any permits needed for cooking.

Chuck presented the following policies.

Optimist Park Ball Field Signage Policy

- * The Hudson Optimist Club may use the outfield fence area (Field #2) for sponsorship signage.

- * All signs must be the same size and uniformly spaced.

- * NOTE: If Hudson Parks & Recreation Department sells the naming rights to Field #2, then at that time all signs within 50 ft. of the centerfield area will have to be relocated.
New locations of signage must be approved by the Hudson Recreation Department.

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Concession Stand Policy

- * The Hudson Optimist Club will not be issued a key to the concession stand.
- * A Hudson Recreation staff member will open & close the concession stand as needed, upon request from the Hudson Optimist Club.
- * The Optimist Club will be responsible for purchasing their concessions items to sell.
- * Equipment provided by Hudson Recreation Department: *Ice Machine – Serving Table – Sink – Snack Rack*
- * Equipment provided by Pepsi Cola of Hickory: *Drink Cooler*
- * The Hudson Optimist Club will be required to provide a list of their concession equipment they plan to use in the concession stand. All equipment must be approved by the Hudson Recreation Department

NOTE: The Optimist Club will be responsible for setting up an account with Pepsi Cola of Hickory. Drinks sold must come directly from Pepsi Cola of Hickory. Failure to do so may violate the agreement between the Town of Hudson and Hudson Optimist Club. If this occurs, the Hudson Recreation Department will take over concessions.

- * All food sales must be pre-packaged. If the Optimist Club plans to prepare food for sale, the Optimist Club must obtain a permit from the Caldwell County Health Department.
- * Concession operators will be responsible for cleaning the concession stand area after each use and disposing of all trash. Cleaning consist of: Sweeping Floors, wiping down counters, tables, sinks etc.

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Jonathan mentioned that the Optimist Club is aware of the policies.
Jeff stated that when the College softball team is playing at the field, the College does their own concessions. They sell prepackaged snacks, which is more convenient for them.

- **Dumpster Policy for Optimist Park:** Chuck stated that the Town shares the dumpster at Optimist Park with the Optimist Club, and the Optimist Club pays half of the bill each month. Currently, half of the bill is \$80. Chuck explained that the Club uses the dumpster for events they have at the Club House.

Optimist Park Dumpster Agreement

* The Hudson Optimist Club agrees to split the cost for use of the dumpster with the Hudson Parks & Recreation Department.

The Hudson Optimist Club will pay **\$80.00** per month, payment is due at the end of each month. Checks will be made payable to: Hudson Recreation Dept.

* A key will be entrusted to the Optimist Club as long as the payment is current. Under no circumstances is the key to be duplicated.

The keys to the dumpster are property of Republic Services.

* The dumpster is for trash only. NO building materials nor house hold items.

* Any visible damage to the dumpster must be reported to the Hudson Parks & Recreation Department.

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Motion: (Jim Engelman/Jeff Link) to approve the policies for the Optimist Park concession stand, sponsorship signage and dumpster as presented. Unanimously approved.

Opening Day Ribbon Cutting at Optimist Park:

Chuck stated that Opening Day for the Park will be Saturday, April 27th. He stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, and Jeff Link will be announcing the game. Chuck commented that there will be special recognition of the donors and sponsors, the teams will be recognized, and Skip Downs will throw out the first pitch.

Chuck stated that the News Topic would be contacted to cover the event, and Jeff will take care of playing the National Anthem.

Janet asked if the bricks that have been ordered for the Athletic Walk of Fame will be in by Opening Day.

Chuck stated that we have run into some problems with the company that is doing the bricks for us, and we're not really sure if they will be in by Opening Day.

Opening Day

Hudson Optimist Park

Ribbon Cutting

Saturday April 27, 2024

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 am - History /Renovation Info. & Ribbon Cutting
- 10:15 am - Sponsor Recognition
- 10:30 am - Recognize Teams (Teams Line-up on Field)
- 10:45 am - National Anthem
- 10:55 am - First Pitch (Skip Downs)
- 11:00 am - T-Ball & 6-8 yr. Coach Pitch Games

Dog Park Update:

Chuck stated new equipment for the Dog Park has been purchased through a \$5,800 donation made by Ron and Shirley Kiziah. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled for the new equipment soon.

New Shelter Update:

Chuck stated that David Wagner made a \$5,000 donation for the new shelter in memory of his parents, Carl and Lucy Wagner. Chuck commented that he plans to have a ribbon cutting for the new shelter when it is complete.

Food Trucks in the Park:

Chuck stated that occasionally, food trucks will park at Redwood Park and sell to the public. Chuck stated that he would like to charge the food trucks a \$50 per day fee, with a signed Hudson Recreation Facility Use Agreement. He commented that to him, food trucks parking in the Park should be treated like a rental of the Park.

Jonathan commented that this is a different situation than having food trucks come to HUB Station. The food trucks there are invited for events, but the Park is just open, and the food trucks choose to park there.

Jeff asked what would need to be done if a food truck came to one of the softball games and asked to set up in the parking lot.

Chuck stated that it would be up the College, because it is a College event, and the College runs the concession stand during the softball games.

Motion: (Jeff Link/Jim Engelman) to approve the fee, as presented, for food trucks parking on recreation/park property. Unanimously approved.

Recreation Updates:

- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30th @ 10 am.
- Basketball program: Had around 105 participants.
- Indoor Soccer program: Had around 300 participants.
- Baseball season has begun: est. 104 signed up.
- Softball program did not make (only 6 girls signed up).
- Hosting SONC Basketball practice (Monday & Thursday Nights).
- Zumba program started back at the end of March.
- Pool Season begins Saturday June 1st Rentals & Daycare bookings are almost full.
- Room / Gym rentals are filling up fast this year.

Discussion – Open Carry of Firearms on Town Property:

Chuck stated that at the Easter Egg Hunt, one of the parents was open carrying, and the way he was carrying the firearms was not too secure. Chuck commented that Chief Nelson just happened to be attending the event, and he talked with the man about how he was open carrying the weapons.

Jonathan commented that although there are laws that allow open carry, there are also times when it is not appropriate, i.e., festivals, parks, etc.

Chuck stated that the man at the Easter Egg Hunt did eventually put his weapons in his vehicle.

Jim Engelman commented that he believes local governments can ban open carry on publicly owned property, and he suggested that the staff talk with the Town Attorney for clarification and guidance.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have the staff talk with the Town Attorney to get more information and clarification on the laws for the open carry of firearms on publicly owned property.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Jim Engelman/Jeff Link) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk