Warren Park & Rec Meeting Minutes 11/02/26

Attendance: Sheila Foote, Christina Hytinen, Dottie Gove, Ashley Clark, Dan Dempsey, Sam Cattarall, Chanda Cunningham-Spence, Clay Spence, Jayne Spaulding, Ric Spaulding, Austin Albro

Minutes from October 5, 2026: Motion to approve made by Ric Spaulding; Seconded by Ashley Clark Approved unanimously.

Fall Fest Review and Notes for next year: It was a success! Dan recommended starting the Friday evening before with an activity besides the movie, and Austin mentioned that in the past, the school sent home permission slips and the students came over to the common directly after to start the festivities (pumpkin carving and scarecrow building). It was also suggested to have the Morgan Clark's band perform in the evening in conjunction with the bonfire after the chili cookoff. The discussion around the success of the chili cookoff was attributed to the free admission (donation). We had a better turnout this year and made $403.92, which is significantly more money than previous years (about double). Tentative date for next year's FallFest is October 23rd, 2027. Austin mentioned we will need police presence if we decide to have later hours for the dance and bonfire.

Financials: Austin reported that we have $1,071 cash on hand and $2,449 with the town. Austin will reimburse Kelli Mallett $86.15 for the prizes and Dottie ~$30 for pumpkin carving supplies from Fall Fest.

Thanksgiving dinner: 3pm-7pm at WVS on Sunday, November 22 initiated by Clayton, Ron, and Dan from the coffee club as well as Park and Rec. We would like to deliver free Thanksgiving meals to people who cannot make it, and it was mentioned that the normal delivery list was quite large when the monthly lunches are done. For that reason, and because we have gotten a decent response on social media when Chanda posted the flyer, we are thinking it will be a bigger affair. **Christina made a motion to spend $300 of Parks and Rec money to buy more supplies for the dinner. Dottie seconded the motion and all voted in favor.** Austin will add it to the town calendar. Dan will hang posters at Shawnee's and the church.

Skating Rink: It was suggested to have an ice rink kickoff/opening with a community fire and hot cocoa. Tom & Janine will likely lead putting it together. Austin will let us know when, as volunteer support will be great. Our supply of donated skates are very old. There is a skate sale in Plymouth on 11/20 and Jayne and Ric have volunteered to go and see about purchasing some new equipment to be used by the townspeople. **Dottie made a motion to allow them to spend up to $300 on equipment at the sale and Christina seconded. A vote was held and all voted in favor.** Dan mentioned the need for the walkers for new skaters made out of milk crates. Sam will make a poster for the skate drive.

Welcome Wagon: Austin will purchase the baskets. Jayne donated coffee cups to the coffee

club to be etched and put in the baskets, and she also donated some special yarn for Chanda to make washcloths on behalf of the Fiber Arts group to go in the baskets. So far, we have received items from Scenic View and Ore Mill, waiting on Moose Scoops, Rustic Gatherings, and Appleknockers. It was recommended that we add a town calendar from Donna Campbell. Dan also suggested a business card with a QR code that takes you to our town website. Austin will work on this.

Pavilion: Austin will run the idea by the selectboard at the next meeting. There was some talk about keeping our leftover money from this year in a 'pavilion' fund. (with permission from the board) Sam and Clay showed pictures of where it could go and the approximate size.

Winter Fest: Save the date for February 13, 2027. Ashley will ask her sister if Morgan Clark's band can perform.

Concerts: Chanda and Sam will be working in a subcommittee.

Talent Show: Tentative date for this is March 13th, 2027.

Movie Nite: Friday, January 15th, 2027 maybe show a winter themed movie like Cool Runnings, Snow Dogs or Frozen

Snack Shack: Dan suggested we use some of our leftover money to fix the snack shack. Austin asked for a materials list to see what is needed. Dan will work on that.

Respectfully submitted:
Christina Hytinen, Secretary