

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Attendees: Amie Kraemer (Treasurer – on the phone), Josh Woodward, KC Carrancio.

2. **Audience for Citizens:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:** None

4. **Secretary's Report:**

*Motion to approve the October 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes, by Josh Woodward, seconded by KC Carrancio and carried unanimously.*

5. **Treasurer's Report:** As of October 31<sup>st</sup> - General Fund (\$3,843.69); Special Revenue (\$7,487.13). Additional \$4,000 to be deposited from Basketball (plus 15 more families to be collected from).

6. **Membership:** Welcome to new member KC Carrancio.

7. **Sports**

**A. Basketball:**

- First game is December 7<sup>th</sup> (uniforms scheduled to be on time, shorts in – waiting for tops). League schedule draft complete - will review one more time to make sure no overlap or conflicts (7/8 Girls schedule set – different league). Splitting 3/4 Girls into 2 teams - 5 and 6 (need another coach). Total players (63 with possibly 3-4 more coming) - Elementary (Chaplin -25, Hampton – 13, Scotland – 6); Stem; homeschool (4); Parish Hill (13).

Dave Stone received complaint from Scotland resident about \$120 fee (each ref (2) costs \$80 per game) and asked why sponsors not used anymore (7 Rec members spread thin - will try for next year).

- Hampton Rec Chair reached out to discuss donation to offset the cost for Hampton players (they are meeting tonight to discuss giving \$500 towards the Basketball program this year). They would like to work with Chaplin Rec for possible cost savings for Hampton players (Dave suggested they fund the awards and banquet at end of the year). Need to create a basketball board aside of these meetings utilizing Hampton and Scotland people (Chaplin fee is \$100 - taxpayers pay about \$1,000 into the program every year).

**B. Soccer:** Winter Indoor Soccer for the littles will be at CES (not enough interest from other towns).

8. **Activities**

**A. Summer Concert Series/Events:**

Whiskey Boulevard booked for August 2<sup>nd</sup>; Heartland booked for July 12<sup>th</sup> (looking for 1 more band).

**B. Cornhole:**

Reviewed survey results.

Happy with how program is run – 81% yes, 9% no.

Register as Team or Singles play with partners chosen at random – 54% doubles, 45% singles.

Prefer Wed. or Sunday League - 36% Sunday, 36% Wednesday.

Comments regarding any changes to the program – use Scoreholio on tablets to run tournaments; enjoys the competition and working on throws; wants new boards (past their lifespan) and wants to use Scoreholio; cheaper for fun rather than money prize – use to pay someone to run program to attract more local participation.

Results show people want new Boards (new Xfactor boards would cost over \$4,000 - Dave suggested refurbishing old boards) and prefer using Scoreholio (have tablets that keep score, app that runs with glitches when it goes down – Dave suggested more research on whether it can be used for leagues – will keep status quo for the Winter League, Amie suggested alternating Singles and Doubles).

***Motion to spend up to \$300 for materials to refurbish Cornhole Boards, by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.***

Winter Cornhole League – will run for 12 weeks - Wednesdays for Singles starting January 5<sup>th</sup> (Danny will run) and Sundays for Doubles starting January 8<sup>th</sup> (Josh will run), registration fee – (Doubles \$100, Singles \$50 per person), prize money determined by completion of registrations.

***Motion to approve 12-week Winter Cornhole League starting January 5<sup>th</sup> for Singles (\$50 per person registration fee) and January 8<sup>th</sup> for Doubles (\$100 registration fee), by Josh Woodward, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

**C. Halloween:**

Great job to everyone for the Trunk or Treat that was a major success with 20 trunkers, the Fire Department and lots of feedback (parking lots completely full at one point with about 400 people).

**D. Winter Activities:**

Will do the Holiday Light Contest again this year (free with donations accepted – raised about \$1,000 last year with 100% of proceeds that went to the PTO Chaplin Elementary Giving Tree (will do again this year). Baker’s Dozen is doing a fill-a-boot event with the Fire Department with all proceeds going to Chaplin families in town.

***Motion to run Holiday Light Contest (same as last year), by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.***

Dave Stone suggested solar lit lawn signs in front yard of people that registered.

***Motion to spend up to \$20 per sign for Holiday Light Contest, by Dave Stone, seconded by KC Carrancio and carried unanimously.***

**E. Other Activities: None**

**9. Building and Field:**

**A. Barn:** Garage door all done and opens smoothly.

**B. Concessions Building:** Winterized – still needs mousetraps.

**C. Security:** No Report

**10. Chaplin Day:** Hours – 12pm to 8pm (need to figure out time slots for music).

**A. Bands:** Sound guy booked, 357 and Jeff Burnham & the Insiders booked (looking for 1 more band).

**B. Activities:**

Fire Department will setup water cannons, need to check with Linda Caron on plans (Amie will check), Cornhole free play, Fishing Tournament, fundraising with goal to get fireworks back, Dave looking at carnival games (easy to build), Dunk Tank (rents for \$200).

**C. Lawnmower Races:** Danny has locked down (Dave still working on redoing a track).

**D. Vendors:**

Food Truck registrations ready to go out in the next month. Drafting letter to vendors inviting them to Chaplin Day and soliciting sponsorships - Chandler Rose provided list of all Chaplin businesses (Dave will draft letter – KC will help get letters out).

**11. Adjournment:**

***Motion to adjourn (7:43 PM), by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.***

***Respectfully submitted by  
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk***