

**Edgewater Park Township  
Parks & Community Engagement Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Mr. Ayrer

Mr. Davis

Mr. Williams (Vice Chair)

**Absent:**

Ms. Santiago (Chair)

Ms. Doyle

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2022 Community Engagement Meeting:

Mr. Ayrer

Mr. Davis

Mr. Williams (Vice Chair)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Creation of Parks subcommittee to assist in organizing a team to work on E Franklin Ave Island. Create a plan and timeline for cleanup of the island to include removal of dead dying trees and transplanting existing plants and trees. Public works oversight as well as possible vendors. *West Franklin Clean Up - We want to get volunteers for this. Corey is working on a flyer. Hoping to get a lot of people out for a couple of days. The islands need to be thinned (transplant plants to 3rd island), weeded, mulched, etc. Kevin is contacting Paul May to get advice on tree services. I will reach out to schools for volunteers. If anyone has contacts with boy scouts/girl scouts we should reach out to them as well.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Yard Sale – Proposed date to be September 17, 2022. URGENT Need to create flyer or communication for Social Media outlets. Also need to get map together to identify locations. Chairwoman Santiago to follow up with Sgt. Harris. *Corey is working on a flyer, Tom is getting addresses to Michele Clifford to post on her page. We talked about creating a Google Form so that addresses can be continuously updated without sending out new lists to residents. Not sure who wants to tackle that. Michele Clifford will have that list.*

Holiday Celebration – Discuss Residential Holiday Lighting contest. Return to Municipal Building for Holiday Celebration was discussed. Will include outdoor venue possibly using tent. Vice Chairman Williams to reach out to both fire companies for their assistance. Identify date and confirm plan. Jim

Ayrer will reach out to the schools to see if we can host it at Ridgway again and have the school band/chorus do carols. Jason will reach out to fire and ems departments about getting Santa there as per tradition. Set for December 15th at 6:00 PM. Corey will do flyers and possibly has a Santa lined up.

Light contest - we have to come up with some categories. Ideas thrown around - Best Condo/Apartment, Most Lights, Most creative, most religious, etc. People that want to participate will fill out google form with their address and what category they want. Addresses will be posted publicly so people can vote. Will announce winners just before New Years. Winners will receive gift cards. Values TBD. Other towns have done FB live videos showcasing their winning houses.

Movie Night re-visit: Reschedule event for October and have a Halloween theme. *Movie Night - Marvel thing fell apart. Will still host movie night October 29th at Memorial with a Halloween theme. Need to get permits for a bon fire. Costume contest was suggested. Corey is doing flyers. Will have EP students vote on what movie to watch. We need to suggest 5 movies to pick from. I will contact the schools about the vote. I suggest a Google Form for that.*

Fishing Derby – Reschedule for a successful event in the spring. - *On hold for Spring*

Veterans Banners – Need to follow through with 2023 plan for banner placement for Veterans Day. Create a subcommittee or liaison to manage this project going forward. *Veterans Banners - Chrissy we are hoping that you can work with the Elks to come up with 6-15 more names and info for banners. Kevin wants a subcommittee dedicated to this with you in charge.*

Kite Day – to combine with Movie Night. *Kite Day- On hold for Spring*

Veterans Day Events –Banners created for the veterans remembered in 2022 will be placed back on Cooper St. prior to Veterans Day. After Veterans Day the banners will be removed and returned to the families of the specific veterans. A plan for the project going forward needs to be formalized as we already have several names for the next round of banners. Could possibly increase number of banners based on pole count and possibly placing 2 banners on poles.

Community Day –100 Anniversary. Founded 2/26/1924. This event is coming up fast and a plan needs to be started in preparation for the 100 anniversaries. Kevin Johnson will contact Dennis Rogers (Historical Society) for ideas and history. Date to be determined but committee leaning towards a spring 2024 event. *Subcommittee being created. Odessa offered to head this at our last meeting. Kevin has a list of names of who wants to be on it. Several members of the public were at the meeting and expressed interest in joining. Ideas expressed included: t-shirts (I was there! 100 Year Anniversary), time capsule, week-long event with different themes every night.*

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

We agreed to try making our own email addresses because the township is out of licenses for that. See my new email - [jayrerparks@gmail.com](mailto:jayrerparks@gmail.com)

Branches of Love - Jason is going to work with (I forget her name) to come up with price packages for various donations I believe.

Side note - With more members of the public joining us, things got a little chaotic. We have been advised to use the gavel and keep it professional. Comments from the public will have to be taken in a formal manner.

Regarding subcommittees - The idea is that they will meet separately and then the person in charge will report to our committee at our meetings. This will save us time at our meetings to focus on other pending business.

**Approve Adjournment**

Ms. Santiago (Chair)

Mr. Ayrer

Mr. Davis

Ms. Doyle

Mr. Williams (Vice Chair)

**Meeting end time:**