

**Winnemac Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 19, 2025. 6:15 PM**

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Manny called the meeting to order at approximately 6:20 PM

Minutes from January Meeting : Approved

Tonight's Agenda: Approved

Park Supervisor's Report - Lisa Ragusa:

All tree trimming and lights issues have been resolved

Free activities: Has been told that we will get a free movie this year

Shakespeare's Motley Crew - will appear in August

Public Binder Activity: No one has visited except for Manny

Committee Reports

Nature Committee - Amy Williamson:

Earth Day Clean-up will be April 26th @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Working with Edward to get more walks & talks set up

FFA Committee - Russ Klettke

Current Status as of 2/19:

- Currently planning most of the same activities as in 2024, **but with more:** more afternoon activities for kids, more acoustic (not amplified) daytime music, more food trucks, possibly an expanded Full Moon Jam program (pre-show training for interested performers), and welcome tents at three park entrances.
- Rough schedule: Noon-4p.m. "Family Fourth;" Noon-7p.m. WFFA Park Picnic with Music; 4-6p.m. FMJ classes; 7-10:30 p.m. FMJ
- Full Moon Jam is already committed and enthusiastically supports this event. A site walkthrough this morning with FMJ determined the best location is the ballfield immediately south of Amundsen
- Community meetings thus far: Ald. Vasquez (lends full support), Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce (promotional assistance, advice, access to membership for local business engagement in event)
- With the known level of attendance from 2024, we can share with businesses what they can expect from involvement in this event.
- *More attractions mean we need to raise more money to fund it.*
- We are open to discussion on inclusion of tables/tents/attractions for organizations and businesses interested in reaching our 2,500+ attendees.
- Committees now in formation -- we invite anyone with organizing skills to join us.
- Fundraising: Verbal commitments are in process, more formal offers to begin soon.

WFFA volunteer needs:

- Larger donor fundraising (we have three people and could use a fourth)
- Smaller donor fundraising (develop a strategy, likely digital, perhaps with a premium incentive; we have a graphic designer to handle that portion of the task)
- Food truck strategy, sourcing, contracting,* and event day management (we sold out last year with 4 trucks -- we need 6-8 truck in 2025)
- Port-a-potty chair (source/contract*, placement, [ribbon cutting](#), pickup)

- Afternoon ambience music (Russ might have someone handling this)
- Community flyer distribution volunteers (to 4,000 residents surrounding the park), Dennis Sneyers to oversee 4+ volunteers to cover all streets

*all vendor contracts cleared/executed by Jake and the Executive Board

Discussion:

Fundraising needed urgently.
Need portable tables and tents. Request to message Russ if you have any to offer.
Discussion of Share Point Site and who has access. If this is to be the site of choice for tracking this event.

Fundraising Committee - no update

Movement in the Park Committee - no update

Performance Arts Committee - No update

Administrative Committee - Jacob Schuster:

No progress toward defining 'Quorum'. Need to set deadline to get done.
No progress toward certifying simplewipe payment technology. We are out of compliance and risking a fine. Dinakar and Jake to discuss separately.
Rest Rooms - No progress. Alder not encouraged that funds can be found.

Old Business - Manny Vega:

Manny & Cathy stepping down.
Dinakar will stay on until a new Treasurer is identified, then transition out.
Motion moved and approved to hold election at March 12th meeting for all 4 offices for
a two year term.

New Business - Jacob Schuster

Discussion of need for folks to step up and assume leadership positions
Discussion of need for more members to broaden our base
Discussion of the roles of officers:
None are clearly defined. Job descriptions need to be developed
OK to split role between 2 people, example is secretary role which could be split between a social media focus and an administrative focus
Significant interest in secretary roll, but no volunteer yet to run for office
Deb Miretsky nominated and agreed to run for VP
No other nominations

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 pm