

Carterville Park Committee Report May 14, 2024

- Having a canvas painting fundraiser on May 18th at the Methodist Church (since the floor is being repaired & the lobby is full of exercise equipment) from 11am to 1pm.
- Summer Kickoff Fun Day is on May 25th at 11 am to 1pm at Comet Park. Hot Dog Lunch, Cotton Candy, Petting Zoo, Dunk Tank, Games & BACA will be there to do face painting. Fire Dept. will be there to let kids play in the water. Mets will be sending an ambulance for kids to look at along with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. We could use volunteers.
- We would like for the applications that we have received be considered & appointments made to the committee.
- Next meeting May 15th at 6pm.

Park Committee Report June 11, 2024

- Fair turnout for the Canvas Panting Event, made \$150.
- Huge turnout for the Summer Fun Day Kickoff. Went through 320 Hotdogs in 45 minutes. Everything went great. Heard a lot of positive comments & people were appreciative that went through the hog dog line.

Thank you to Mayor Alan Griffin, Council Members Brenda Cupp, Dwayne Cupp & Warren Myers for their hard work volunteering.

- New security cameras are here for Comet Park but not installed yet.

Next Meeting Wednesday June 19th at 6pm.

Park Committee June 19th, 2024 Meeting Notes

Fun Day Reflection-

- Went through 320 hot dogs in 45 minutes so next year we will consider purchasing more.
- The bubbles were a hit so we would like to keep that for next year.
- Consider another table that is shorter & more stable for cotton candy. Also, check on Amazon for a plastic netting insert for the smaller cotton candy machine.

Independence Day Parade- Discussion on the decorations for the float.

Yard of the Month-

- Submit nominations by Saturday June 22nd if we are going to do it this year.

Visitors-

- Justeen Livingston, Laci LaForge & Jeremy LaForge presented the invitation of running kids' games for an event they are having on August 24th. The committee will discuss it further at our next meeting.
- Mr. & Mrs. LaForge expressed concerns about kids in the park after dark & vandalism.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 24th at 6pm

Park Committee Notes November 26th , 2024

Trunk or Treat-

Good points- A lot of kids, popcorn worked out good plus free.

Could have gone better-Brenda needs to be her own attraction next year.

Raffles-

- Beautiful Lapghan from Becky. Alan donated a Chiefs gift bag.
- Tickets available at City Hall
- Needing someone to sit with the prizes at Cookies with Santa.
- Winner to be drawn on December 9th.

Cookies with Santa

- Ten dozen cookies donated. Five more for purchase
- Ordered new sprinkles, hot cocoa, wooden ornaments, table cloths, whipped topping, napkins
- Had cups, knives
- Books should be here later this week from Scholastic. Got 20 books free to have a drawing.
- See about Dwayne for frosting & blow ups
- Ladies from the church are going to reply to letters.
- Still need marshmallows, crushed candy canes, something for the books being gifted.
- Decorating plans- 9 am Saturday for gym

Parade

- Ideas for the float- Decorating Friday at 4:30
- 20 Entries with possibly more
- No Grand Marshal this year having Jon Cook in the parade to introduce him.

Decorating Contest

- Have homes submitted by Dec.15th then post pictures for votes by likes.
- Voting ends Dec. 20th
- Prizes- \$25. Visa Gift Card

Chili Cook-Off February 1st

Meeting Notes December 18,2024

- Present Becky Dudley & Cindy Myers
- Absent Madison Myers, Hollie Crane & Liasson Brenda Cupp

Reflection on Parade & Cookies with Santa

- Parade was the biggest we have. Next year we would ask that everyone in your group show up before getting in line. Park Committee is up front to get back to the gym & one other was guaranteed a spot because of handing out books & a kink worked out with WC's parade.
- We are going to work over the summer on some things we would like to have next year.
- Need to be on the lookout for a chair that Santa can use, ended up scrambling at the last minute.
- Look at clearance after Christmas for blow up's to add to the event.

Chili Cook-Off & Bingo February 1st-

- Registration is open
- Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- \$8. To taste, vote & have either chili dog or Frito pie
- Discussed prices of menu items.
- Must be 18 to play Bingo.
- Made list of items needed.

Discussed moving meetings to Thursdays to see if that helps with recruiting more members. If we go to Thursdays the next meeting Jan16th, 2025.

*Via Text everyone minus Brenda replied they were fine with Thursday meeting nights.