

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: 9 May 2023, Whisenhunt/King Residence (12854 E. Lonesome Dove)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson George Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – George Chambers, Joanie Raetzel, Bonnie Jackson, Whiz, Karin VonKay, Chief Lee Antonides, Julie King, Bob Dickey, Ron Smith, Charlotte and Bill Moss, Kathie Krushinsky, Babs Felix, John Sears, Tim Toombs, Sara Beck, Janine Topell, Craig Marsino, and Tish Bradford were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Tish Bradford moved, seconded by Lee Antonides, to approve the minutes of 11 Oct 2022 as written. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report** – PAC financial report for April 2022. There was no financial activity in April 2023. The balance as of 30 April 2023 is \$12,648.96. Karin VonKay will perform the 2022 annual financial audit.
5. **PFD News** – Chief Lee said the construction bond was approved; construction at both stations will begin soon. PFD has a new fire engine. Two new command vehicles and a type 6 engine will be coming in shortly. They are applying for additional grants. The newsletter will be coming out soon. Thinning will start soon – the money came from a grant. CPR classes – they are looking for an instructor.
6. **SFE Sherwood Forest Estates) Events/News** – Kathie K has resigned as the president of the SFE Property Owner’s Association (POA). The new president has put out a list of proposed events for the year, but they all may not happen due to a lack of volunteers. SFE events will be posted on the Parks Community Calendar.
7. **Set 2023 PAC dues**- Bill Moss moved, seconded by Babs Felix, to keep yearly PAC dues at \$10 per household. Motion unanimously approved.
8. **Moonset Pit** – Moonset Pit will be open every other Saturday from May 20 to September 9. If necessary for more dates past Sept 9, Buggy wheel may be available. Kathie K has posted this information in Sherwood Forest Estates. Forestry has asked people to knock off the dirt and rocks from any root balls brought in because they take forever to burn. They also requested that the root balls be placed as close to the center of the pile as possible; bringing root balls into the pit at opening time would be helpful. It was asked if a notice of any current fire restrictions can be posted. Volunteers for June 3 -Whiz and John 8 am to 11 am; Joanie and Bonnie 11 am to 2 pm.
9. **Celebration of Life Sunday May 28, 2023** – There will be a Celebration of Life for Dan Newsom (husband of Val Dockter-Newsom) on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at the Maine Consolidated School gym from 2-4 pm. PAC will set up and provide snacks. Cindy, George, Joanie, Bonnie, and Kathie will organize.
10. **Celebration of Life, Saturday, May 20, 2023/Family and Friends gathering Sunday, May 21, 2023**- A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Bob Baker on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in Williams (check Facebook for specifics). Sherry Baker has asked that Parks Community Members bring a potluck dish to her home on Sunday, May 21 for an open house. More specifics to follow.

11. **Bake Sale Memorial Weekend** – PAC decided not to have a bake sale Memorial weekend with all the other events. We may have one around the 4th of July. Cindy Chambers has prepared a basket with cooking equipment that PAC will raffle. PAC has gift cards that can be used as 2nd/3rd prizes.
12. **Community Yard Sale** – The tentative date for the community yard sale will be June 24. We will use the fire station as the starting point with maps. George will prepare a map of the yard sale area. This item will be on next month's agenda.
13. **Possible Future Fundraisers** – none at this time
14. **PAC Newsletter** – Babs suggested that PAC prepare a newsletter for more visibility and to attract new members. She suggested twice a year. We need a volunteer to prepare the newsletter.
15. **PAC Support for Seniors** – Babs suggested that PAC look into a way to do wellness checks on senior residents. Perhaps people could call in each day to a central point of contact. Babs will coordinate this program; the County does not offer this service. Chief Lee said people could put a Knox lock box on their home that contains a house key for rapid access; only the fire department will have a master key to open. However, these lock boxes are expensive. We need to investigate community funding grants. We need to check with NACOG to see if they have any systems in place. This item will be on next month's agenda.
16. **Upcoming Community Events/Community calendar** – Joanie will restart the Parks Community calendar in June. Forestry holds monthly Archeological events in Williams.
17. **Other items not on agenda**
 - a) Karin – Because sometimes PAC has a tough time providing meals to residents, there is a company called “Mom's meals” that delivers premade meals; meals are diet specific and range from \$8-9 per meal. There is a 10-meal minimum plus a \$15 delivery fee. Meals on wheels does not come to Parks.
 - b) Kathie – The Christmas tree lighting was phenomenal. Next time, we should pass out flyers about PAC
 - c) PAC should try to limit the PAC meetings to one hour; PAC should organize and pass out new resident folders. Maybe PAC should have a social and “rebrand” how the community views PAC.
18. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6 pm, Whisenhunt residence.
19. **Adjournment** – Ron Smith moved, seconded by Tish Bradford for adjournment. Motion unanimously approved. Chairperson George Chambers adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Recorded by: Joanie Raetzel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection