

RESOLUTION 2016-06

Boy Scout Troop #158 Overnight Camping Request
At Victory Park

Background: Albion Boy Scout Troop #158 is requesting permission to hold an overnight camping event at Victory Park on Saturday, January 30, 2016, in the area near the Band Shell. The intent of the campout will be to allow the Scouts to earn the Polar Bear Award which consists of an overnight winter stay and a one mile hike. The Youth will then participate in the Greater Albion Chamber and Visitor's Bureau's Cardboard Classic on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Special permission is required for the overnight camping because city ordinances restrict the use of the park after hours, as well as, for the use of a controlled camp fire. The Albion Public Safety Department, Planning Building & Code Enforcement, and Public Services have reviewed the application and have recommended approval of the event.

Council member Barnes moved, and was supported by Council member French, to approve the following resolution.

Resolved: The City of Albion hereby grants authorization to the Albion Boy Scout Troop #158 to hold an overnight camping event on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Victory Park, in the area near the Band Shell. They are also granted permission to safely utilize a contained and properly controlled camp fire.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on January 19, 2016, in a regular session of the Albion City Council and that this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0

Jill Domingo
Jill Domingo, City Clerk

From: Jim Lenardson

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:18 AM

To: Sheryl Mitchell <smitchell@cityofalbionmi.gov>; andrew.french.albion@gmail.com

Subject: Scout Troop#158, Polar Bear Award Camping

Sheryl and Andrew,

I have been approached by Mr. Dave Huber, Scoutmaster of the Albion Boy Scout Troop # 158 about a one night camping event at Victory Park. The intent of the campout will be to allow the Scouts to earn the Polar Bear Award which consists of an overnight winter stay and a one mile hike as well.

Their hope is to have the event on Saturday January 30th as they intend to take part in the Cardboard Classic the following day as they have done for several years now.

In speaking with Mr. Huber I questioned his thought about a campfire (obvious need) and was informed that they would use cinder blocks to elevate a steel barrel which has been designed to reduce any potential problem.

This morning I also spoke with John Tracy and Chief Kipp about any concerns they might have and the only thing brought to light of significance was security during the night. My guess is that should not be much of an issue given the time of year and weather.

Mr. Huber indicated that they would like to make camp in the front of the amphitheater as it is fairly open and level. I feel that this is probably the best place as it is close to the road for statistical purposes with ample parking.

I don't anticipate a large group because of the season.

I will advise Mr. Huber to stop at City Hall to complete a reservation form as well.

In closing, I would recommend this activity be approved by Council as there are ordinance restrictions as it relates to hours and types of usage of the City Parks. I also feel that this is an opportunity for the City to support a local group that has been active in the community for 100 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lenardson

Director of Public Services

City of Albion

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