

**Department of Parks & Recreation** 

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TO: Parks & Recreation Committee

FROM: Dean Gazza

DATE: 8/12/2024

RE: Action: Approve Irish Fest of the Fox Cities to hold a ticketed private Special Event in

Jones Park on September 13-14, 2024 for Irish Fest

The Jones Park Rental Policy requires permission from the Parks and Recreation Committee for any private Special Events in Jones Park.

Irish Fest of the Fox Cities is requesting to host a Special Event in Jones Park for the fourth year. Irish Fest is an Irish Musical, Dancing and Cultural Festival with an anticipated attendance of 3,000 people. Because Irish Fest is charging attendees a fee to attend the event, the Committee will need to give approval.

Irish Fest is aware of the rules and regulations of the park and agree to abide by them. Staff are also allowing Irish Fest to extend their music until 10:00pm and to have demonstration dogs. The Parks and Recreation Department supports their requests as their past events have had no problems or issues.