

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Monday, November 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair; arrived 6:05pm), Colleen English, Kristina Singleton, Kristin Hawley (needed to leave early), Jen Witman

Members not present: Roger Hinsey, Alex Humphrey, Nikki Frymoyer

Staff members present: Helen Moyer, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Jack Gombach

Public Comment

None.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 2020 meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Jen Witman. (5-0).

Events:

- Scarecrow judging:
 - Suggestion from Kristin Hawley to have people register their house; avoid danger of driving slowly, missing houses, especially since this contest was not lit like holiday lights.
 - Can create a Google Form
 - 403 Sycamore (1st), 200 Playground (2nd), 236 Sycamore (3rd)
- Halloween decorating contest
 - 422 Chestnut (1st), 138 S. 6th Ave (2nd), 629 Franklin (3rd)
 - Will need to re-evaluate both contests for 2021
- Trick or Treat Bag Handout
 - Made 100 bags; 88 children registered; all bags were given away
 - A few residents signed up day of
 - Only two non-residents turned away (did get Palmer's candy)
 - Channel 69 News was there
 - Palmer's provided a big help: financial donation, candy, and help decorating Pavilion.

Upcoming Events

- Tree Lighting & Light the Night (December 4)
 - will put lights on (new) tree
 - Countdown, turn lights on at 7pm
 - Everyone in borough encouraged to also turn their lights on at 7 as well
- Holiday Light Judging (December 20)

Budget Updates

- Next Budget Meeting (final): November 24

- No new updates

Need updated clearances from everyone.

Other Business

- Pickleball courts: no funding from Recreation needed; will need some maintenance in approx.. 5 years.
- 3rd tennis court was to be removed already
- Discussion:
 - Plans to keep debris from courts
 - Seems to be some popularity of pickleball
 - Completely funded
 - Tennis courts need to be repaired
 - Choice between having pickleball courts (with one tennis court) or unusable tennis courts that need significant repairs
 - Upkeep: resurfacing courts would happen every 5 years. Maintenance plan would be similar to how basketball courts are maintained. Will need to be added to budget, but costs are relatively low

Motion to request Borough Council to permit the construction of eight pickleball courts and one tennis court, at no cost to the Borough, made by Jen Witman. Seconded by Kris Singleton. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Comments from Jack Gombach:

- Expressed appreciation for events in October, and the Commissions work, despite COVID-19 and the restrictions.

Motion to adjourn made by Kris Singleton. Second made by Jen Witman. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Next meeting: December 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary