

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:11 pm on Zoom.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Nikki Frymoyer, Kristin Hawley, Colleen English, Kris Singleton (arrived 6:25)

Members not present: Jen Witman, Roger Hinsey, Alex Humphrey

Staff members present: Helen Moyer, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Jack Gombach

Public Comment

None.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2020 meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Nikki Frymoyer. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Discussion

- Not much happening in recreation in West Reading and other municipalities due to COVID-19 procedures, CDC rules and guidelines, and the PA Governor's guidelines.

Events

- Something to bring the borough "together" and cultivate a sense of community
 - Scarecrow decorating contest in September (gift cards as prizes); try to get local businesses involved; kick off Fall Recreation
 - Halloween: goody-bags at borough instead of trick or treat, potentially at pavilion or Bicentennial House, or deliver to borough homes
 - Have a plan "A" and plan "B" so that more can be done if possible, but not disappointing if the event is minimal
 - Can advertise at the beginning of October
 - Pre-registration for kids
 - Only for kids in West Reading
 - Can ask for donations
 - Halloween decorating contest (similar to holiday lights with pool passes as prizes)
 - Community-wide holiday lights—everyone light them up at same time; potentially have goody bag drop offs with Santa and Mrs. Claus
 - Decorated tree at Borough Hall
 - Holiday lights decorating contest – December 20
- Previous event discussions:
 - Will not be able to move forward with movie-in-the-park
 - Food trucks are already booked, will likely not be able to move forward with that either
 - Scavenger Hunt: 2 people participated in June

- Re-doing scavenger hunt starting August 5 for one week (deadline August 14 to email or dropped off at Borough Hall) with fewer questions with prizes for the winner

Borough Rentals

- Bicentennial House is not being rented out due to difficulty in enforcing COVID-19 restrictions
- Pavilion is being rented because it is an outdoor building

Borough Council President Jack Gombach expressed thanks and appreciation for Recreation Commission putting time and work into events, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristin Hawley. Second made by Nikki Frymoyer. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Next meeting: September 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary