

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Monday, August 2, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Roger Hinsey, Kristin Hawley, Kristina Singleton, Nikki Frymoyer, Jennifer Sundermeier

Members not present: Jen Witman, Alex Humphrey

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: none

Public Comment

Rajavel Jagadesan (Chatty Monks): Advice on Friday night garden party, bringing community together, outdoor venue, looking for a place to hold an event like that in West Reading; community-oriented events (existing or new), interested in being part of the Disc Golf grand opening & holding their own events.

Denise Drobnick, present.

Helen Moyer, Assistant Treasurer, present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 2021 meeting made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Nikki Frymoyer. Motion carried (8-0).

Welcomed new Recreation member, Jennifer Sundermeier.

Updates

- Concerts in the park going smoothly, need to confirm rain date for October

Pool

- Lack of staffing as workers return to school, also bad weather.
- National Night Out on August 3, 2021
- New schedule for pool closings
 - Closing early on Saturday August 7, closed on Sunday August 8, closed Sunday August 14.
 - Opened weekends only Aug. 28-29, Sept. 4-6
 - Closed August 23 – 27 and Aug. 30 – Sept. 3.

Playground

- Finishing on Friday, August 6
- Lack of staffing; Some issues that will be improved next summer
- Need to figure out staffing issues for pool and playground next summer (front desk, concession, playground trained in all three perhaps; raise wages)

Pickleball Courts

- Grand opening
- Borough residents get a 10% for training/lessons; open courts that will be available to the public, not used in tournaments; \$10,000 in an escrow from Fromuth account to pay for repairs (for the life of the contract)

Construction Updates

- Bridge is installed, completing construction
- August 15 is approximate completion date

Upcoming Events

- National Night Out: August 3 at the pool.
- Doggie Day at the pool: September 6
- Wyomissing football bonfire Sept. 17 (field and pavilion), parade from playground to field house 5:45-7:45pm, requesting a fee waiver
 - **Motion to recommend to Borough Council to waive the fee for the bonfire and parade (\$250) made by Roger Hinsey. Kris Singleton seconded the motion. Motion passed (8-0).**
- LGBTQ event at the park: Oct. 16. Rain date Oct. 17.
- Disc golf: Oct. 17, along the same day as the Chicken Dinner and Fire Company open house.
 - Working on sponsors, etc.
- Haunted House/Hayride
 - Oct. 16: Haunted House ONLY (with LGBTQ event)
 - Oct. 22 & 23
 - Begin preparing the haunted house in late August (August 20)
 - Haunted Hotel theme
 - Have volunteers to help
 - Donation of 100 pumpkins and an assortment of 50 apples
- Holiday luminaries
 - November 21, 12-5pm to hand out candles at the Bicentennial House.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Hinsey. Second made by Kristin Hawley. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Next meeting: September 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
 Colleen English
 Recreation Commission Secretary