

## **Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission**

Monday, September 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Roger Hinsey, Alex Humphrey, Jennifer Sundermier, Kristina Singleton (arrived 7:12), Nikki Frymoyer (arrived 7:12).

Members not present: Kristin Hawley

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Samantha Kaag

### Public Comment

Present: Helen Moyer, Assistant Treasurer, and Dean Murray, Interim Borough Manager.

Present: Patrick Kaag, Zachary Shaver, Carl Garman, Jack Gombach

Jack Gombach and Dean Murray met with owner of Holistic Skate Shop, discussion about putting in skate park installation, had questions about specifics, needs more information, and after he met with developer would come to Recreation first to present (followed by Borough Council). Has previously presented his idea to Recreation in the past (unsuccessfully), but is planning a smaller concept this time. Has not yet contacted Chris Boud. Discussion about this ensued.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2021 meeting made by Roger Hinsey.  
Seconded by Lori Hoffman. Motion carried (8-0).**

### Updates

- Walls up for Haunted House, but some flooding due to heavy rain; nothing major lost. Borough crew cleaned everything up.
- Will need to start painting, working on the haunted house.
- Rearranging some storage at Pavilion so that Haunted House supplies can stay there.

### Concerts in the Park

- Sept. 19 is last concert in the park—no rain date yet (Oct. 3 is current rain date).
- August was less busy than expected, but having some fall/Halloween event for September.

### Doggie Swim

- \$230 earned, half to Animal Rescue League
- K9 training on Sept. 8

### Pool

- Concession Stand prices will increase for next summer. Prices will remain comparable around the area, but don't want to lose money. Exploring other options to purchase food for Concession Stand.
- Membership fees will stay the same next year.

### Playground

- Ended for the summer
- Some issues with leaders; Manager would like to be involved in interview process

### Pickleball Courts

- Pickleball Association: League starting (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 6-9pm) – Started Sept. 7 and run through the end of December; 3 courts remain open during league
- 2 other events – will need to present to Recreation at a later meeting
  - Oct. 30: Halloween Pickleball Party
  - Nov. 26: Turkey Tournament (Black Friday)

### Wyomissing Bonfire

- Friday, Sept. 17
- Parade starts at school playground on 4<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut and ends at Pavilion; no cars involved

### Bridge Updates

- Construction is completed
- Some minor finishing (e.g. sidewalk) remains

Discussion for change of meeting time: think about whether Recreation meetings can be changed until 7pm. Will discuss at next meeting (need to decide by December)

### Upcoming Events

- LGBTQ Event
  - Oct. 16, 11am – 6pm
  - Haunted House from 12pm – 4pm
  - Haunted House special price: \$5
- Haunted House/Hayride
  - \$8 for Haunted House/\$6 Hayride
  - October 23: 6 – 7pm for kids/minimal scares/low stimulation
  - Both Haunted House/Hayride: Oct. 22/23: 7 – 9pm
  - Start planning/decorating week of Sept. 13
- Disc Golf Event
  - Move the date to November 7 (rain or shine)
  - Might be different ways to start the event
  - Sign-ups will be online
  - Still looking for sponsors – local business
  - Subcommittee to organize: Alex Humphrey, Samantha Kaag, Helen Moyer, Jennifer Sundermier
- Holiday Luminary & Christmas Globes
  - Christmas Globes: Samantha Kaag, will have a plan for next meeting
  - Give Luminary candles out on Sunday, November 21

- Tree Lighting
  - December 3
  - Starts at 6pm
- Candy Sale
  - Bicentennial House
  - Saturday, Nov. 20 (potential Friday, Nov. 19)
- Christmas Light Judging – potentially Dec. 19

**Motion to adjourn made by Roger Hinsey. Second made by Kris Singleton. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).**

Next meeting: October 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Commission Secretary