# **Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission**

Tuesday, January 4, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa, Colleen English, Roger Hinsey, Lori Hoffman, Nikki Frymoyer (arrived 7:14pm), Kristina Singleton (arrived 7:14pm)

Members not present: Kristin Hawley, Jennifer Sundermier

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Denise Drobnick (chairperson)

Motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Lori Hoffman. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Comment

Present: Patrick Kaag, Zachary Shaver, Samantha Kaag, Carl Garman, Helen Moyer, John Turner, Frank Fields, Lynn Burns, Autumn Menley, Cameron Hafetz, Chad Dervian (Reinholds), Heather Jagielsla

#### Special presentation:

JD Turner (Holistic Skate Shop; Reading Skate Park Association): Presentation on small pocket park (mini ramp). Meant as a park that would be kid-friendly, with experienced skaters able to mentor/help. Concrete ramp. Local skater on the US Olympic team, growing in popularity in the area. Can be used by skateboarders, BMX bikes, scooters, roller skates, and inline skates. 1200 square feet; cost estimate: \$45-50 per square foot; all concrete; proposed site is near Pavilion & Baseball field (in front of red barn). Costs are covered to build the park. Maintenance would be on the Borough, but would be minimal. Questions about liability. Other possible locations: near basketball court, in front of pickleball courts, near firehouse but some issues with locations near disc golf. Beneficial to nearby other park amenities/activities (basketball courts, pickleball courts, etc.). Will explore the area near the pickleball and basketball courts (to avoid the disc golf course).

Will table discussion until after a meeting with Recreation Director Chris Boud & Borough Manager Dean Murray.

#### **Event Updates**

- Photos from the Tree Lighting (at Church): Jennifer Sundermier has the pictures.
- House Decorating contest winners: 237 Reading Ave. (1<sup>st</sup>), 422 Chestnut St. (2<sup>nd</sup>), 406 Playground Dr. (3<sup>rd</sup>).

#### Future Events

• Reached out to Scottish Rite about rental for Family Fun night and waiting to hear back.

### <u>Fundraising</u>

- Ticket book sales for Reading Fightin Phils
  - Receive \$14 per book of tickets
  - No money paid up front.
  - Books of tickets can be purchased online as well

## Motion to sell books of tickets for the Reading Fightin Phils made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Colleen English. Motion carries (6-0)

West Reading Night at the Ball Park: Tuesday, July 12, 2022. 10,000 tickets to the Borough (free night at the baseball game).

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Kristina Singleton. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Next meeting: February 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen English Recreation Commission Secretary