

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Members present: Colleen English, Heather Jagielski, Kristin Hawley, Rafael Torres, Roger Hinsey, Bethany Bower

Members not present: Jennifer Sundermier, Lori Hoffman

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Denise Drobnick (chairperson)

Public Comment

Resident thanked committee for the Easter Egg Hunt event and appreciated that it was outdoors at the Pavilion.

Present: Patrick Kaag, Paige West, Samantha Kaag, Maureen Hasty, Raj Jagadesan

Motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Roger Hinsey. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Easter Egg Hunt:

- Went well
- Suggestions for next year
 - Adults
 - Coupons for local businesses
- Scottish Rite wants to do away with their event and make a donation to West Reading Easter Egg Hunt
- Things to make money (optional, such as food or drink sales)
- Different baskets, maybe silent auction-style

Fundraising

- Donations from private clubs (e.g., FOP, etc.) that must make donations from their gambling sales
- Ways to make Recreation more self-sustaining

Family Fun Night

- Cancelled
 - Did not get traction
 - Competition with an event at school
- Discussion for future:
 - Bring back father-daughter in the future? Bowties & tiaras theme?
 - Scottish Rite will still be available in the future and wants to participate
 - Change up time of year – February?

- Will regroup and plan differently for next year

WR Rides and Vibes Bike Ride

- First date: May 14, 1pm
 - Set for second Saturdays (afternoon)
- Family-oriented
- Meet at up at the Knitting Mills/B2 Bistro area
- Suggest people “vibe” on the Avenue after

Pool and Playground Updates

- Hiring happening
- May 16, 5:30pm, May 21/22, starting 9am: Pool Cleanup: need help to clean up the leaves, pool house
- May 21/22: lifeguard certification class & orientation for the lifeguards and pool staff
- Pool opening on Memorial Day weekend
- Playground: Sacramento coach (June 16) will put on a basketball clinic as part of the West Reading/Sacramento exchange basketball game and celebration

4th of July

- 4th of July: fireworks will not happen
 - More events at the pool
- Weekend festivity
 - July 2 or 3: Moonlight swim
 - July 3 or 4: Games at the pool (water balloons, candy scramble, capri sun toss)

Future Events

- More adult events with businesses supporting, food trucks, etc.
- Adult Kickball
 - Revisit Kickball tournament next month: think about weekend of Sept. 10 (Saturday preferred).
 - Keep in mind: Fall fest is Sept. 17
- Fall TBA: Disc golf tournament (Samantha Kaag – update next month)
- August 2: National Night Out
- Moonlight swims potentially

Volunteer Tent/Table at West Reading Events

- Went well – had about half dozen people sign up
- Good involvement, people from outside the community
- Table at Art on the Avenue (June 18)

Elizabeth Heckler Memorial Bench & Tree

- Family would like to place a memorial at the West Reading Pool (including a bench, tree, and plaque)

Motion to approve placement of Elizabeth Heckler Memorial Bench and Tree made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

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

Next meeting: June 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary