

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

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Members present: Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Heather Jagielski, Kristin Hawley, Rafael Torres, Roger Hinsey, Bethany Bower, Jennifer Sundermier

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director

### Public Comment

Patrick Kaag: Shade tree commission: considering moving the Christmas tree in Delaney Circle to somewhere else in the borough. Tree (relatively new) is already dying in the circle. Re-development of Delaney Circle also possible. Possible places: old diving well at the pool; artificial tree that could be set up & torn down; Bicentennial House. All in consideration of having a nice spot for the Christmas tree lighting. Consider adding discussion to a future meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Yoga in the Park

Started on June 3, Fridays at 7:30am

### WR Rides & Vibes Bike Ride

- June 11 at 1pm
- Rafael leading, at least one more volunteer needed
- Informal, currently 11 RSVPs online

### Pool and Playground Updates

- Grand opening was Memorial Day weekend – very busy
- Need to hire more lifeguards – 4-5 more
- Interviewing more people for concession and front desk
- 72 kids currently at Playground program

### Fourth of July/Borough Birthday Bash

- Keep it simple
- Games—Capri Sun toss, candy scramble
- Anticipate a large crowd (based on Memorial Day Weekend)
- Gift cards as prizes?
- Raffle tickets with gift card prizes (to the pool)
- Snow cone maker
- DJ at the pool
- Discussed concession stand
- Ducks in the kid pool
- Moonlight swim planned for Saturday

- Pool opens at noon
- Nothing for the Birthday Bash

Discussed potential other events, such as an event in the park for Labor Day (or another day) that might include food trucks, beer trucks, maybe music. Will discuss at July meeting.

#### Fundraising

- Brewers and West Reading Drug previously made donations for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Since fireworks are cancelled, businesses said the donations could be put to other good use.

Volunteer Tent at Fall Fest (9/17/22).

#### Future Events

- Kickball: TBA; first time have a pickup event; combine with another event at the park
- Disc golf tournament: TBA, potentially October

West Reading night at the Reading Phillies: July 12, Free tickets available at Borough Hall.

Suggestion for a future event: Adult hayride on Penn Ave (Halloween Crawl)

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

Next meeting: July 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Commission Secretary