

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, August 1, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Members present: Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Bethany Bower
Rafael Torres

Borough Council members present: Denise Drobnick (chair)

Members not present: Heather Jagielski, Jennifer Sundermier, Roger Hinsey

Public Comment

Casey: Hispanic Heritage Month – Sunday, September 25 event for children (book reading, education). Requesting use of the Pavilion for Arts & Crafts, dancing, etc. Happen in conjunction with EAC event.

Motion to approve event in conjunction with EAC event made by Rafael Torres. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Passed unanimously (6-0).

Present: Patrick Kaag, Dean Murray

Motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting made by Lori Hoffman. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Events:

National Night Out

- August 2: Volunteers needed – Arrive at back entrance of the pool at 5:45pm.

WR Rides and Vibes Bike Ride

- July ride was successful – approx. 15 people (some from outside West Reading)
- August 13, 1pm
- Will end at French Fry Fest

Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars

- Sunday, Sept. 4, 4-8pm
- Chatty Monks beer truck
- DJ: Enrique Castro
- Food vendors? Suggested: Comalli, Nonno Alby's, Sammy's Steaks, Sweet Ride
- No rain date
- Volunteers needed: arrive by 3pm
- Sell tickets for votes, and for sign-ups
- Need some sort of prize for the winner
- Need tables, tent, money box & change, tickets, prize

Discussed forms of payments to use at recreation events (e.g., Venmo).

Upcoming Events

Halloween and Haunted Hayride

- Walls go up after Playground ends
- Dates: October 14 & 15, 21 & 22
- Will discuss more at September meeting
- Need theme ideas
- Have next Recreation Meeting at Pavilion: meet early at 6pm to look at Halloween inventory

Disc Golf Tournament

- Outside people to run the event
- No date set

Brief general discussion about Recreation Director. Reviewing position pay, hours, budget. Hope to have a position open after pool season.

Announcements

August 14 – Block Party and backpack giveaway on Elm Street. Starts at noon.

Dedication bench and trees for Mrs. Heckler: started planting, getting plaques. Can have a small dedication ceremony for family when work is complete.

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

Next meeting: September 6, at the Pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary