

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Members present: Bethany Bower, Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Chlain Mocer, Jen Sabol, Rafael Torres

Borough Council Members Present: Denise Drobnick (Chair)

Borough Staff Present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment

Troy Hassler – resident of West Reading, interested in getting involved in community, submitted letter of interest in joining the commission

John Harvey – resident of West Reading, also interested in getting involved and submitting a letter of interest in joining the commission.

Motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (7-0).

Event Updates

- Holiday Decorating Contest
 - 1st place: 432 Oak Terrace
 - 2nd place: 422 Chestnut St.
 - 3rd place: 233 Chestnut St. & 305 Sycamore Rd. (tie)
 - Created a video announcing the winners on the West Reading Recreation Facebook page.
 - Will advertise more next year, but keep the same format (sign up ahead of time on Google form)
- Events for 2023
 - February
 - Sunday, Feb. 19: Winter Karaoke Competition at 3rd and Spruce (4-8pm)
 - April
 - Saturday, April 1: Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion/Fieldhouse/Field)
 - Saturday, April 8: Rides and Vibes
 - Saturday, April 15: Fishing Rodeo (Creek by pool)
 - Sunday, April 16: Bochantin Upshot Disc Golf Tournament (Disc Golf Park)
 - May
 - Friday, May 5: Dad & Daughter Dance (theme: “Night in Wonderland”) (West Reading Firehouse)
 - Saturday, May 13: Rides & Vibes
 - May 27-29: Pool opens for Memorial Day Weekend

- June
 - June 2-4: Pool opens for the summer (weekend only)
 - Saturday, June 10: Rides & Vibes
 - Saturday, June 10: Pool opens for the season
 - Monday, June 12: First day of Summer Playground Program
 - Sunday, June 18: Concert in the Park/Plant Fest (Pavilion/Fieldhouse)
 - Friday, June 30: Moonlight Swim
- July
 - Tuesday, July 4: 4th of July (Field and Pool)
 - Saturday, July 8: Rides & Vibes
 - Sunday, July 16: Concert in the Park (Pavilion/Field)
 - Saturday, July 22: Movie in the Park (Pavilion/Field)
- August
 - Tuesday, Aug. 1: National Night Out (Police Dept. at Pool)
 - Friday, Aug. 4: Moonlight Swim and Movie Night
 - Friday, Aug. 4: Playground Program Ends
 - Saturday, Aug. 12: Rides & Vibes
 - Sunday, Aug. 20: Concert in the Park (Pavilion/Field)
- September
 - Sept. 1 - 3: Final Pool Weekend
 - Sunday, Sept. 3: Pups at the Pool
 - Saturday, Sept. 9: Rides & Vibes
 - TBA: Karaoke Competition
- October
 - Saturday, Oct. 14: Rides & Vibes
 - Friday & Saturday, October 13 & 14: Haunted House and Hayrides
 - Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21: Haunted House
- November
 - Saturday, November 4: Día De Los Muertos Pet Parade (3rd & Spruce)
 - Saturday, Nov. 11: Rides & Vibes
 - Friday, Nov. 24: Black Friday Bochantin Upshot Disc Golf Tournament
- December
 - Friday, Dec. 4: 95th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - Saturday, Dec. 9: Rides and Vibes
 - Dec. 15-17: House Decorating Contest
- Will present calendar of events to Borough Council for approval

Upcoming Events

Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars – Winter 2023 Edition:

- Will need volunteers for the day of the event to register participants and tally votes.

New & Renewing members:

Bethany Bower and Rafael Torres sought renewal; Lori Hoffman and Roger Hinsey did not. Chalaín Mocerí submitted a letter of interest to the committee. Bower, Mocerí, and Torres were approved by Borough Council.

At this time, one letter of interest has been submitted for the other open position.

Discussed position of vice chair and nomination process to elect vice chair (Lori Hoffman formerly served as vice chair).

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski.
Motion carried (7-0).**

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary