

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

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm in West Reading Borough Hall.

Members present: Roger Hinsey, Alex Humphrey, Nathalie Kulesa, Lori Hoffman, Jen Witman, Colleen English

Staff member present: Helen Moyer, Recreation Director

### Public Comment

Maurice Brown spoke about the West Reading Swimming Association and asked for cooperation from the West Reading Recreation Commission for summer swim team in 2019.

A motion to approve the minutes from December 2018 and January 2019 was made by Roger Hinsey and seconded by Jen Witman. Motion approved.

### Event Updates

Council approved all events for recreation for 2019.

Changes from January: Father-daughter dance theme (under the stars) & mother-son dance theme (super hero night).

Alex Humphrey to create flyers for events and post information to Facebook page about upcoming events.

### Easter Egg Hunt

- Eggs in process of being sorted; will be stuffed with candy closer to the date of the event.
- Chocolate-covered peanut butter and coconut cream egg orders: pre-order deadline March 31; pick-up and sale at Easter Egg Hunt; eggs to be made on April 6 at 8am at St. James Church.

### Pool Updates

11 lifeguards ready to be hired upon approval of council; 9 lifeguards pending recertification.

### Playground Updates

More structure to be added for summer 2019, including planned events and activities and structured free time. More accountability for leaders and managers will be put in place. Feedback from parents will be sought throughout the summer.

Ideas and suggestions for playground activities are welcome.

### Fundraising Updates

Donation letters have been sent for sponsorship of recreation events (including the Easter Egg Hunt and Fourth of July fireworks).

Potential fundraising opportunities:

- Selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and water at Arts on the Avenue
- Selling pizza on the Fourth of July

#### Field Updates

Four concerts in the park already scheduled (one more than last year).

Exploring new potential vendors for Fourth of July.

Field usage:

- \$2500 from Reading Hospital
- \$800 from Berks Catholic
- Meeting with WALL. They broke their contract because they failed to upkeep the field. It is likely that they will continue to have use of the field but not the pavilion.
- For fall, \$1800 from football.

#### Disc Golf Updates

Baskets will be up by February 6, except for hole 6, since it is elevated.

Tee pads will be set up in the spring/summer, pending weather.

Soft opening: TBA

#### Bicentennial House Updates

Zumbini classes still ongoing.

#### Pavilion Updates

Updates to the pavilion due to upcoming fire code inspection (end of March).

Other recreation buildings will be inspected to confirm that they are up to code.

#### Open Discussion

Continue to check for more potential local donors.

Motion to adjourn was made by Roger Hinsey, seconded by Nathalie Kulesa. Motion approved.

Next meeting: March 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Committee Secretary