

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

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

Members not present: Troy Hassler

Borough Council Members Present: Denise Drobnick (Chair)

Borough Staff Present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment

None.

Motion to accept the amended minutes from the January meeting made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (8-0).

New Members:

- Welcome Troy Hassler to the commission.
- John Harvey – new volunteer

Committee Updates

- Nominations for Vice Chair
 - Jen Sabol nominated by Denise Drobnick
 - Bethany Bower nominated by Heather Jagielski
- After voting, Bethany Bower elected as vice chair (7-1)

Upcoming Events

- Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars – Winter 2023 Edition
 - Sunday, Feb. 19
 - Third and Spruce, 4-8pm
 - Volunteers needed for set up, take tickets, sign up Karaoke participants; volunteers arrive between 3:00-3:30pm.
 - Discussed any logistics and set up needed
- Rides ‘N Vibes
 - First of the year scheduled March 11, 2023 (weather permitting)
 - Discussion of moving the “vibes” part (moving to West Reading businesses)
 - Can make decision on the day of the event
 - Start promoting after Karaoke is over
- Egg Hunt updates
 - April 1, 2023

- Plans
 - Bethany Lutheran will do peanut butter egg and flower sales (will get some of the revenue from their sales)
 - Patrick Kaag will be the bunny
 - Will take place at Pavilion (ideally will be outside, plan to do inside)
 - Donations from: Palmer, Tom Sturgis, Asher Chocolates, Walmart, working on Godiva, working on Just Born
 - Need to stuff the eggs: donations + other candy (purchased)
 - Discussed needs for donations, goody bags, prize eggs, signups, advertisement
- Fishing Rodeo
 - Signups have begun
 - April 15, 2023
 - PA Fish and Boat will provide rods for kids to use
 - Potential donation for raffle basket from Cabela's
 - \$5 registration fee (to cover cost of the fish); Registrants will get a T-shirt with sponsors
 - Number of donors already on board
- Vines 'N Vibes
 - June 18, 2023, 2-6pm
 - Plant-themed summer concert
 - Partnered with Concert in the Park series (bands confirmed)
 - Botanists/nurseries confirmed
 - Artists, gardeners, other tables confirmed
 - Needs: food, sponsors

Rec Director Updates

- Donations from Love Team (\$500) and Tina's Salon (\$500)
- Attended business owners meeting - went well
- Proposals for Yoga, Zumba
- Pool updates: emails out to meet with interested returning employees; will need to hire about 12 lifeguards; need front desk, concession stand workers, playground workers; opening weekend Memorial Day; Plan for May 8 for first pool clean up date.
- Playground: some field trips already planned

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Kristin Hawley.
Motion carried (8-0).**

Next meeting March 7, 2023 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary