

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Members present: Denise Drobnick (chair), Bethany Bower (vice chair), Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sabol, Rafael Torres, John Harvey

Members not present: Colleen English (secretary)

Borough Council Members Present: none

Borough Staff Present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment

Taryn Duncan shared interest in joining recreation commission, letter of intent submitted.

Motion to take proposed letter to council made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (7-0).

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

Upcoming Events

- Rides 'N Vibes
 - Saturday, August 8, 1pm, weather permitting
 - Discussion about possible alternative times and locations for future rides
- Summer Concert Series
 - Shines 'N Vibes, August 20, 2023, 2-6pm "Rain or Shine"
 - 1 band
 - Sound equipment loading on to stage or pavilion at 11am (2 volunteers)
 - 2 Food and beverage vendors to set up by 2 pm
 - Additional volunteers can drop in to help sell t-shirts
 - WH Dance Academy will lead a dance lesson
 - Cornhole tournament
 - 50/50 long throw "first throw wins"
- Yoga in the Park
 - Ongoing on Saturdays, still donation based
 - Very enthusiastic teachers, collab and coupons offered to the Nest
- Karaoke September 2nd 4-8pm
 - 3rd and Spruce Drafthouse
 - Using the Clover for payments
- Haunted House & Hayride
 - Mike and Jen will set up a time to look at the inventory and set up a tentative schedule for decorating once the walls go up

- Mike will put together flyers
- Public works does the hayride, we set up the props around the track
- Concession stand will continue to be run by recreation
- Volunteers encouraged to bring friends
- Pet Parade
 - Shorter loop, staying on the Ave
 - Ending at Willow Creek

Rec Director Updates

- Playground
 - Ended Friday August 4th
 - Concern expressed about trash left by the pool
 - Field trips were a big hit
 - Parents of kids in playground said “Better than last year,” and “Got my value”
 - Band app used for communicating about the kids
 - Adrienne was great with the kids, asking for her to return next year
- Pool
 - 3 weeks + 1 weekend and then pool will close
 - Pet Swim on Labor Day from 5-6pm
 - Mike will contact ARL and others to bring presence, pet cleanup stations

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (7-0).

Next meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jen Sabol
 on behalf of Recreation Commission Secretary Colleen English