

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Members present: Taryn Duncan, Colleen English, John Harvey, Kristin Hawley, Jen Sundermier, Rafael Torres

Members not present: Heather Jagielski

Borough Council members present: Bethany Bower, Denise Drobnick (chair)

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

### Public Comment:

None.

**Motion to approve the minutes from March 2024 made by Jen Sundermier. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (8-0).**

### Event Recaps

Easter Egg Hunt

- Had a good turnout, event went well
- No pre-registration worked

### Upcoming Events

Fishing Rodeo

- April 13, 8am
- Approximately 30 kids signed up
- 40 shirts total (with sponsors)
- Fish will be stocked in creek Friday night
- Community volunteer for fish in place
- Will have light concessions, bathrooms will be available
- Volunteers needed for raffles, concessions, registration
  - Volunteer arrival 7:30-8:00am

Rides N' Vibes

- Troy Hassler (West Reading resident) volunteered to lead rides Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 21 at 1pm,
- Meet in Kimberton parking lot
- Will evaluate feasibility after April
- Interest from owner bike shop (Go Grava) to partner with Recreation in programming, will reach out to him

### Candy-themed Family Dance

- Saturday, April 20
- Candy arrived for giveaway bags
- 7 tickets sold so far (pair tickets – 14 individuals)
  - Anticipate more ticket sales, especially week of event
- Food donations secured
- Raffle table
- Discussed creating a Facebook event
- Need volunteers day of event
  - Volunteers arrive 3:30pm

### Vines and Vibes

- Discussed having a flower sale at event
- Comalli Tacqueria will sell food
- Six vendors already in place

### Recreation Director Update

- Summer hiring: pool manager search ongoing; assistant manager hired

### New Event Ideas

- Discussed potential new event ideas for the future
  - World's Most Embarrassing Dad Competition
  - Open mic comedy
  - World Series of videogames

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Commission Secretary