

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Borough Hall

6:00 pm

The May 2018 meeting of the West Reading Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:03 pm at Borough Hall.

Commission Members Present: Melissa Hassler, Nikki Frymoyer, Roger Hinsey, Colleen English, Nathalie Kulesa, and Melissa Brennan.

Staff Members Present: Council President Nicholas Imbesi, Borough Manager Kathy Hoffman and Recreation Director Helen Moyer.

Public Comment: Maurice Brown, President of the West Reading Swim Association presented the association's plan to revamp the swim team. So far, they have 29 committed members on the team all of which are registered with Great Lakes. They have four corporate sponsors. They have a haircut-a-thon fundraiser in the works, as well. They recently wrote their bi-laws and the association members approved them. They currently have two coaches: Maurice Brown and Kim Collins. They are both in the process of completed their lifeguard certification classes, which they will both need to start up the swim team again. The coaches are also enrolled in an Epi-Pen class as well as concussion and coaching classes. There will be a mixture of evening and morning classes. Mr. Brown will forward a printed copy of their plan to Helen Moyer in the next few days.

Becky Burton from WAEF was present to discuss their upcoming Fire and Ice Toast Party. They would like to have the pavilion rental and usage fees waived for their event. Becky explained that WAEF is a 501-3c organization that uses their funds primarily for teacher driven grants and scholarships for students. She asked that we place additional trash cans at the pavilion the day of their event to help with trash clean up at

the end of the event. The event will take place on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 from 3 to 5 pm. This is a family event. All are welcome. She also stated, that if we were not able to waive the fees, the event will probably be moved to Wyomissing next year.

Motion made to recommend Borough Council to waive the fees for the use of the pavilion for the Fire and Ice Toast Party. Melissa Brennan made the motion and Nathalie Kulesa made a second. All members were in agreement.

**Event Updates:** Father/Daughter Dance is Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dance preparation will occur Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm.

**Fundraiser:** Painting with a Twist fundraiser is Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. If you haven't signed up yet, please do as soon as possible.

**Pool/Playground:** Swim team is going to be ran by the West Reading Swim Association. The Diving project is almost filled and completed. They will be planting grass soon. The big swimming pool needs some minor repairs that are currently being taken care of. Playground registrations are beginning to come in.

Hospital Softball has begun at the field. They are using it on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some Saturday mornings during the May and June. They have already paid us \$2,300.

A stove and convection oven were donated to Recreation for use in the Bicentennial House.

Some minor damage was seen on the pavilion deck. Helen is working with Dean Murray about getting it repaired.

The VFBA donated \$5,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks.

Dautrich and Dautrich Law firm donated \$500 for playground field trips

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Mr. Fitzgerald from the Lawrence Foundation will be working with Recreation to get funding for our Summer Camp.

The disc golf application is being sent to Reading Recreation this week. If it is not passed, Helen will request a zoning hearing.

The DCNR grant was submitted. Helen is waiting on a response from that.

Orientations for summer staff are happening soon. The first orientation is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Lifeguards at 12 pm, front desk staff at 2 pm and concession stand staff at 4 pm.

We will need to schedule a pool cleanup day soon. Please let Helen know when you are available.

If you are available to help with opening day at the pool on May 26<sup>th</sup> please let Helen know.

The next recreation meeting is on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Borough Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:05 pm by Roger Hinsey, with a second made by Nikki Frymoyer.

All were in favor. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hassler