

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm in the West Reading Borough Hall.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair, arrived 6:20pm) Roger Hinsey, Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Kris Singleton, Nikki Frymoyer, Alex Humphrey, Jen Witman

Staff members present: Helen Moyer, Recreation Director

Borough Council members: Samantha Kaag (exited meeting, 7pm).

Public Comment

None

Special Guest: Sara Smith from Moms Demand Action (Gun safety and gun sense organization)

- Request to host event at the Pavilion and Field, June 7, 1-3pm (11am-7pm to include set up and tear down).
- Wear Orange weekend: Kids activities, education for parents, Safe Berks, Police Department, bicycle parade, food.
- Request to waive fees for Pavilion and Bicentennial House

Motion: Jen Witman moved to waive the fees for the Pavilion and Bicentennial House. Nikki Frymoyer seconded. Motion passes unanimously (8-0). Motion will be forwarded to Borough Council.

Motion to accept the minutes from the February 2020 meeting by Roger Hinsey. Motion seconded by Kris Singleton. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Upcoming Events

- Father-Daughter Dance, May 1
 - Need lots of help to set up on that Friday
 - Work day: 6pm, Thursday, April 30
- Easter Candy Making
 - March 26, 27, 28
 - Order forms available
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Eggs are being stuffed
 - Palmer to be picked up on March 25
 - Sturgis, Chocolate Bunnies, Goldfish in goodie bags
 - Flowers for flower sale ordered
 - Prize baskets need to be made
 - Easter Bunny and Jason for photos
- Earth Day – with EAC (April 19)

Discussion of Recreation Center for healthy programming and classes for the community, in conjunction with the Reading Hospital. No firm plans, but could be something that could happen in the future. Plans would need to be submitted to Borough Council.

Pool Update

- Updates to rooms (bigger guard room), paint, new wiring, new lighting, buildings are now up to code for emergency lighting
- Interviews for March 14 and 15

Fundraising

- Reading Phils ticket sales
- Donation from Visions Federal Credit Union
- Need donations for sign at park, updates at pool; will need large corporate sponsors (e.g., the hospital) or grants
- Discussion of fundraising and Recreation budget ensued

Motion: Lori Hoffman motioned to add financial discussion to monthly committee meetings. Second made by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Bicentennial House

- \$7000 revenue
- New floors, upgraded countertops, other needed updates (e.g., stove, refrigerator)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm was made by Kristin Hawley. Second made by Alex Humphrey. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

Next meeting: March 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary