

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, January 4, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm on Zoom.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Jen Witman, Roger Hinsey, Kristina Singleton, Nikki Frymoyer

Members not present: Alex Humphrey

Borough Council Members present: Samantha Kaag

Public Comment

Nick Philippides (Olivet Boys and Girls Club), attending to get an idea about what is happening locally.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2020 meeting made by Jen Witman. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (8-0).

Upcoming Events:

- Sign-up to chair the events—you will be the go-to person at the event.
 - Easter – Colleen & Kristin
 - Father Daughter Dance – Jen & Nikki
 - Tree Lighting – Nathalie
 - Holiday Light Judging – Kristin
- Conflicting LGBT event (already approved) for weekend of October 15/16, 2021, conflicts with the hayride and haunted house.
- Change Halloween events: Haunted House, Oct. 16, 22, 23; Hayride, Oct. 22, 23; Haunted house pending discussion with the LGBT event coordinator.

Motion made by Roger Hinsey to hold haunted house on Oct. 16, 22, 23 and the hayride on Oct. 22 & 23. Motion seconded by Nikki Frymoyer. Motion carried (8-0).

Pool & Playground:

- Pool & Playground: everyone will need to apply or reapply (since no one was an employee last year); will be posted on the website, shared on social media, etc.
- Pool: patching, repairs, and maintenance will be done; pool will be ready to open this summer as normal.
- Playground: plan in place to open; need to make considerations based on COVID-19 pandemic.
- Borough will likely err on the side of caution, due to liability and the potential costs of opening without enough revenue; but can still be hopeful.

Fields, Bicentennial House, Pavilion:

- Bicentennial House closed for rental
- Pavilion will be available for rental in the spring of 2021.

Bridge updates

- Early work on the bridge will take place in March & completed by April or beginning of May.
- Work contracted out.

Budget Report

- Budget approved.
- Keep in mind we still want to save, stay as low as possible; want a higher revenue.

Fundraiser

Motion to not sell tickets for the Fightin' Phils this year made by Roger Hinsey. Seconded by Jen Witman. Motion carried (8-0).

Background Checks

- Need to make sure Helen has clearances in time for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Other comments:

- Tennis & pickleball courts: originally motion made by Recreation Commission to include one tennis court and 8 pickleball courts
- Borough council approved 10 pickleball courts.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Hinsey. Second made by Kristin Hawley. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Next meeting: February 2, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary