

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

Members present: Nathalie Kulesa (chair), Lori Hoffman (vice chair), Colleen English, Jen Witman, Roger Hinsey, Alex Humphrey (arrived 6:42pm)

Staff members present: Chris Boud, Recreation Director, Helen Moyer, Assistant Treasurer

Borough Council Members present: none

Public Comment

Jennifer Sundermier: Attended the meeting out of interest in joining the committee in the future. Shared activities she previously organized in West Reading during the COVID-19 pandemic, with local families and using Facebook.

Approval of Minutes

Roger Hinsey noted that an error in the June 2021 minutes. Corrected to indicate that the Pickleball courts opened in June, not July.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes of the June 2021 meeting made by Jen Witman. Seconded by Roger Hinsey. Motion carried (5-0).

Updates

- Welcomed new recreation director, Chris Boud.

Event Updates

- Concerts in the Park in June was successful. More vendors and tents were open this year.

Pool

- Shorthanded on lifeguards (widespread problem, due to recertification issues with Red Cross and the pandemic)
- Due to this, pool will be closed August 23 - 27, August 30 – September 3, and potentially other days (or sections of the pool) at the end of the summer as lifeguards return to school.
- Concession stand has been busy, with good profits. Also shorthanded on staff.
- Pool and Concession Stand close to the budget estimate for revenue.

Playground

- Running smoothly

Pickleball Courts

- Programs open now for people to learn and play
- Courts open to anyone
- Leagues and tournaments open
- Grand Opening will be July 17, with ribbon cutting and concessions

Construction Updates

- Bridge was purchased
- Piping laid down
- Estimated completion in mid-August
- Allows for Disc Golf tournament in October. Projected date October 10

Upcoming Events

- National Night Out: unsure if it is occurring. Date would be August 3
- Doggie Day at the Pool: September 6
- Scarecrow judging: will decide in August meeting if this event will occur
- Hayride and Haunted House: Haunted House only on October 16 to go with LGBTQ event; Hayride and haunted house on October 22 & 23.
- Tree lighting: December 3
- Christmas Candy Sale: need to decide soon
- Potential future events: family photo events (perhaps alongside existing events)

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Hinsey. Second made by Jen Witman. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Next meeting: August 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary