

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm on Zoom.

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

Members not present: Alex Humphrey

Staff members present: Helen Moyer, Recreation Director

Borough Council Members present: Samantha Kaag

Public Comment

None.

Discussion

Slowly opening things up, unlikely to be in "green" for Berks county until June or July (depends on how things go with COVID-19).

Pool

- PRPS in contact with Department of Health; can public pools open? Still fact-finding. Not seeing that it is communicable through water or chlorinated/brominated water, but still need more information. Department of Health decides if pools can/cannot open.
- Borough Council will make final decision about pool opening for the summer.
 - June 15 as opening day (if able to open)
 - July 13 last feasible opening day
- Potential precautions
 - Scheduled time slots
 - Thorough cleanings throughout the day
 - Limit the number of people in the pool
- Need to make decisions about the concession stand—whether to open or not.
- Minimums for staff necessary
- Certain trainings and steps need to be taken in order open if restrictions are needed
- Council needs to decide whether to include West Reading residents or to include non-residents
- Plans will be suggested to Borough Council (that follow guidelines from CDC, Dept. of Health, etc.)

Playground

- Playground likely to stay closed because it can't be regulated to keep it clean and sanitized.
- Playground program likely to be cancelled
- Could make craft and/or activity kits to distribute to residents (pending Council approval)

Other Events

- Discussion about what to do for fall events ensued. May need to alter and scale down fall events (Haunted House, Hayride, etc.). Discussion will continue at June & July meetings.

Jen Witman made a motion to cancel Father-Daughter Dance for 2020 and include the 7th grade girls at next year's dance. Second by Nikki Frymoyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Roger Hinsey made a motion to cancel Mother-Son Dance in September. Second by Jen Witman. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of potential things to help the community

- Food drive/food pantry
- Activity/craft kit (could be distributed at the school)

Meetings hosted on Zoom will continue to begin at 7pm. Once in-person begin we will resume meeting at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn made Kris Singleton. Second by Jen Witman. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary