

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Members present: Bethany Bower, Taryn Duncan, John Harvey, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sabol

Borough Council Members Present: Denise Drobnick, chair

Borough Staff Present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public comment

None.

**Motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting made by Heather Jagielski.
Seconded by John Harvey. Motion carried (6-0).**

Upcoming Events

Rides 'N Vibes – Oct 14th

- Will continue with Raf spearheading as meeting time does not conflict with Haunted activities.

Haunted House and Hayride

- Haunted House: October 14, 20, 21
- Hayride: October 20, 21
- Most drapery done, rooms are coming together
- Discussed what still needs to be done, items still needed
- Denise wrote a tentative list of names for volunteers for the dates and the list of roles the volunteers need to fill upstairs at concession, downstairs outside the haunted house, and the actors inside the haunted house.
- Volunteers will arrive an hour before the haunted house opens each night (6pm) to get things situated and make sure we are ready for the public.

“Dia de los Muertos” Pet Parade – Saturday, November 4, 2023, Willow Creek

- Mike will lead with assistance from team, tentatively John, and Taryn can also help set up.
- Gather at 7th and Penn, parade up Penn Ave, crossing the Ave with police assistance, and ending at Willow Creek Brewery
- Bethany will set up the ofrenda table to honor beloved pets
- ARL will have a table at the event to accept donations and discuss their services, too
- A best pet costume will also be held, with glassware and t-shirt giveaways

Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday, December 1, 2023

- Volunteers will support decorating Delaney Circle

- Lots of ideas were generated during a discussion about how to address concerns about the tree's appearance.

House Decorating Contest

- Will have online registration again this year
- The contest was advertised in the borough magazine

Recreation Director Update

- Announced the need to plan out the calendar of events for 2024 to present to council.
- The team discussed moving some events around, such as the father/daughter dance to end of February and Vines and Vibes to May.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion carried (6-0).

Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Sabol
On behalf of Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary