

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Members present: Bethany Bower, Taryn Duncan, Colleen English, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sabol, Rafael Torres

Members not present: Kristin Hawley, John Harvey

Borough council members present: Denise Drobnick (chair)

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment:

None

Minutes from November meeting had an error. The date of the meeting was incorrect listed as September 5 and should have been November 6.

Motion to amend the minutes by correcting the date made Rafael Torres. Seconded by Jen Sabol. Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to accept the amended minutes from the November Meeting made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion carried (7-0).

Event Recaps

Pet Parade

- Low attendance
- Discussed partnering with Bar Cart that already have a pet parade at Halloween

Christmas Tree Lighting

- Held it on the rain date of Monday, December 4
- Tree was improved
- Despite date change, well attended
- Discussed for next year: have event on Thursday with Friday with rain date instead of Monday; shorten event length (perhaps less than 90 minutes); light tree at beginning; have Santa arrive earlier (at beginning); Santa as MC; fewer performers (local WR dance company, band, singers); will discuss specific changes/updates in future meetings.

Upcoming Events

Haunted house clean up – discussed potential to set up a timeline to help clean up Haunted House and organize closets at the Pavilion. Will further discuss at a later date.

House decorating contest

- Sign ups ongoing using a Google form
- Addresses will be distributed after sign ups
- Judging to take place over the weekend of Dec.

Four members (Heather Jagielski, Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, and Denise Drobnick) term on the Recreation Commission have ended. All four wish to remain on the committee and be reinstated.

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to reinstate Heather Jagielski to the Recreation Commission made by Taryn Duncan. Seconded by Jen Sabol. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to reinstate Colleen English to the Recreation Commission made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to reinstate Kristin Hawley to the Recreation Commission made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to reinstate Denise Drobnick to the Recreation Commission made by made by Jen Sabol. Seconded by Taryn Duncan. Motion carried (7-0).

Plans for 2024

Need to finalize the events for 2024 to be approved by Borough Council. Current plans:

January – no events

February – Karaoke competition, February 13

March – Easter Egg Hunt, March 23

April – Fishing Rodeo, April 13; Candyland Dance, April 20; begin Rides ‘N Vibes

May – Vines ‘N Vibes (plantfest & concert), May 19; begin Yoga in the Park

June – Vines ‘N Vibes rain date, June 9

July – Fourth of July (Recreation as support only)

August – no events

September – Karaoke competition, Labor Day weekend or September 7

October – Haunted House and Hayride, October 11 & 12 (rain weekend October 18 & 19)

November – no events

December – Tree Lighting, December 5 (rain date December 6); House Decorating Contest, December 20-22

Discussion about 2024 Vines ‘N Vibes

- Sponsors needed
- Need plant vendors
- Need food vendors
- Some vendors confirmed

Discussion about posting information about Bicentennial House or Pavilion rental on Facebook page.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary