

## **Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

Members present: Taryn Duncan, Colleen English, John Harvey, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sundermier, Rafael Torres

Borough Council members present: Bethany Bower, Denise Drobnick (chair)

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

### Public Comment:

None

**Motion to approve the minutes from January 2024 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion carried (9-0)**

### Event Recaps

Clean-up sessions at Pavilion

- Organized closets in bins
- Disposed of items not used or broken

### Upcoming Events

Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars

- February 18
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and Spruce Drafthaus to support (and host)
- Help needed at event: arrive 4pm
- New awards: Judges Choice, honorable mentions, in addition to those who receive the highest votes
  - Have a panel of judges (local performers)

Easter Egg Hunt

- March 23, 12pm
  - Volunteers for set up 10:30am
- Donations from Tom Sturgis, Palmer, Clover Farms
- Fire House is booked
- No registration ahead of time
- Set up bunny and flowers
- Patrick Kaag as Easter Bunny
- Volunteers to stuff eggs
  - Candy
  - Items for toddler eggs (toys, fruit snacks)

### Fishing Rodeo

- April 13
- Donations from Cabela's
- Fish to stock creek
- Some T-shirt sponsors in place
- Registration is open

### Candy-themed Family Dance

- April 20, 6:30 – 9pm
- Props in progress (John)
- Can sell tickets at Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteers needed to help with props
- Event is ready to promote
- Donations for food, drinks

### Vines and Vibes

- Sponsor letters out
- Flyer in progress
- Keep t-shirts from last year

### Recreation Director Update

- Pool and Playground updates
  - Need pool manager and assistant manager
  - Lifeguards needed/interviews in progress
  - Playground manager: not sure if previous manager will return
  - Field trips planned for summer playground program
  - Modernizing registration for pool and playground
    - Implementing a new system with online forms
    - Implementing a new system to pay over time (for playground and pool)
- Disc golf tournament happening again in April 14 (no volunteers needed) – approval to Borough Council

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Kristin Hawley.  
Motion carried (9-0).**

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Commission Secretary