

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

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 April 2024 made by Rafael Torres. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion carried (9-0).

Event Recaps

Fishing Rodeo

- Well-attended, minimal issues
- 39 participants, made ~\$175

Candy Land Dance

- Not a huge turnout, but solid event
- Potential to grow
- Total tickets sales: \$325
- Raffle + walk-ins: \$110

Upcoming Events

Rides N' Vibes

- Rained out on May 5; next scheduled date is on May 19 (same day as Vines N' Vibes)
 - Leave it up to Troy Hassler for May 19 ride
 - Keep June dates as set

Vines 'N Vibes

- May 19
- Set up different than 2023
 - Food and drink on either side of the stage
 - Vendors in shaded areas near playground (9 vendors total)
- Need volunteers day of to help set up with vendors, sell Recreation T-shirts, work at plant swap
 - Volunteers get there 10:30am

- Vendors arrive between 11:30am – 1pm
- Need Hula hoops, bubble wands, sidewalk chalk, beach balls (donations)

Yoga in the Park

- Yoga – Saturdays, 9am (started May 4)
- Quigong – Fridays, 9:30am (started May 3)
- Classes donation based

Recreation Director Update

- Wyomissing Education Foundation: Tuesday/Thursday 8:30-11:30am in BiCi House (June - August), requesting fee waiver
 - Need to know what the class is, who it serves (e.g., Wyomissing School District students), is it a free offering or paid, who it benefits, will it compete with Playground program
- Submitted grant for security cameras and LED lighting at Pavilion, end of trail, near pedestrian bridge, near pool, pickle ball courts. Waiting to hear if successful.
- Summer hiring: Pool manager hired – former lifeguard at West Reading Pool
- Pool memberships and Playground sign ups are starting to come in
- Pool Clean Up: Pool staff will clean

Action Item from Council Member Patrick Kaag (through EAC and Traffic and Infrastructure): Proposal to move Laney memorial from traffic circle to the front of pool. Funding is being taken care of; supported by Laney's family (and is their preference). Will also contribute to building up the trail system. Concept will be put together by New Castle Landscaping.

Motion to support the proposal to move Laney's memorial made by Jen Sundermier. Seconded by Taryn Duncan. Motion carried (9-0).

Discussed canceling an upcoming meeting. Will not meet on June 4, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Taryn Duncan. Motion carried (9-0).

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary