

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

Members present: Taryn Duncan, John Harvey, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sundermier, Rafael Torres

Borough Council members present: Denise Drobnick (chair)

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

### Public Comment:

- (1) George Vogel: Raised concerns about cooler sizes at the pool, observed glass bottles within pool area. Suggested showing a display of an appropriate size cooler and staff training. Additional concern related to guards keeping their eyes on the water when rotating, and scanning below the surface, suggested additional training of guards. Additional concern related to appropriate bathing suits, not allowing thong bikinis, and suggested guests sign rules to obtain day passes. Complimented work of guards on 6/19-6/23 for hard work and challenging patrons.
- (2) Karen Livengood: Compliment to Mike and others for listening. Raised concern about not having food in the snack stand the weekend of June 22. Requested attention. Additional concern related to overcapacity and too many pool floats, suggested limiting floats when pool is full.
- (3) Jean Witman: Raised concern about number of guards for the pool, noting an incident where one guard was observed at the baby pool and one guard was observed at the shallow end while patrons swam in the deep end unattended until the guards noticed and requested assistance. Suggested better assignment or attention to staffing.

**Motion to approve the minutes from May 2024 made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Rafael Torres. Motion carried (7-0).**

### Event Recaps

Vines N Vibes

- Well-attended, est. 500+ foot traffic
- Vendors interested in next year's event

Yoga in the Park

- Yoga – Saturdays, 9am (started May 4)
- Quigong – Fridays, 9:30am (started May 3)
- Ongoing, good attendance

### Upcoming Events

Rides N Vibes

- Summer heat has affected attendance
- Next ride Thur Aug 1 at 6pm at Barley Mow

#### National Night Out

- Tue Aug 6, 5-8pm
- Volunteers to help with event

#### Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars

- Sun Sep 1
- Discussed potential new venue

#### Recreation Director Update

- Halfway through playground, pool going well with some adjustments needed per public comment.
- Successfully received grant for security cameras and LED lighting at Pavilion, end of trail, near pedestrian bridge, near pool, pickle ball courts.
- Seeking additional grants for playground equipment.
- Interested in coordinating with Wyo SD to upgrade baseball fields.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jennifer Sundermier. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion carried (7-0).**

Next meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024 at *Bicentennial House*

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Sundermier