

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Members present: Taryn Duncan, Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Jen Sundermier

Members not present: John Harvey, 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 August 2024 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Taryn Duncan. Motion carried (7-0).

Upcoming Events

Rides N' Vibes

- Currently on hiatus
- Mike Miller (art teacher) interested in scheduling a bike mural tour
 - Practice ride on 8am, Saturday Sept. 7

Yoga in the Park

- Yoga – Saturdays, 9am through end of September
- Likely will change time to 8:30am to better coordinate with Zumba

Battle of the West Reading Karaoke Stars

- Postponed for fall
- Will make plans for event in February 2025

Haunted House and Hay Ride

- October 11 & 12 (rain dates: October 18 & 19)
- Walls need to go up, some were in need of replacement
- Plans to improve the hayride
- Schedule work times to help set up
- Discussion of keeping the haunted house up for longer: renting the space, hosting a haunted house only

Mocktail Mingle Practice Run

- Friday, Sept. 13 at BiCi house, 7-9pm

- Not advertised to public – meant to gather feedback, determine if this is worth pursuing
- Alcohol free adult gathering with music (DJ Patrick Kaag)
- Focus on healthy, positive ways for adults to get together
- Capacity at BiCi is 40 people
- Potential to a “pop up” at other events or after other events
- Planning to have a mocktail after-party after Saturday Haunted House
- Discussion of funding/revenue potentials

Basic discussion of tree lighting in December, including changing up the program, having it on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Will still hold house decorating contest. Invite previous winners to serve as a judge.

Recreation Director Update

- Pool season is over
 - Exceeded revenue in concessions and attendance
 - Membership numbers increased
- Doggie swim was successful: raised \$135 for Humane Society
- Ideas for next year
 - Membership appreciation night: moonlight swim, raffles, free food or other perks for members
- Staff deep cleaned pool house, concession stand, pool areas.
- Planning to have locks for members chairs; potentially have chairs for rental

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion carried (7-0).

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
 Colleen English
 Recreation Commission Secretary