

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Members present: Colleen English, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Ryan Oberly, Taryn Shillady, Jen Sundermier

Members not present: John Harvey

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

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment:

Kim Thomas – present.

Motion to approve the minutes from March 2025 made by Heather Jagielski. Seconded by Bethany Bower. Motion carried (7-0).

Event Wrap-Up

Karaoke Competition

- Muhlenberg Parks and Rec planning to do their own karaoke event (at Craft 2700)
- West Reading vs. Muhlenberg karaoke contest in the future

Family Dance

- March 22 event cancelled due to lack of ticket sales
- Reimagine event for next year—Adult prom (80s theme)

Upcoming Events

April events: Fishing Rodeo and Easter Egg Hunt

- April 12 and April 13
- Fishing Rodeo, 8am start
 - Need help for checking in arrive 7:30am
 - Volunteers to sell hot dogs, soda, raffle tickets
- Easter Egg Hunt, 1:30pm start
 - Volunteers arrive at noon
 - Pavilion; Rain plan hold inside Pavilion

Vines 'N Vibes

- May 18
- Share event on social media

- Discussed vendors, especially potential greenhouses and outdoor plant vendors; have food and beverage vendors secured
- Will need volunteers on day of event

Yoga in the Park

- Begins May 3, through end of September, Saturdays, 9-10am
- First Saturday of the month will be family yoga, children of all ages welcome

Rides N' Vibes

- Community members asking when it will return
- Regular monthly bike rides were not well attended; issues with weather. Tried “pop up” bike tours (art tour).
- Discussed potential bike ride ideas. Needs a group leader.
- Try to have one in June and September
 - Saturday, June 28, 9am. Details to follow

Recreation Director's Updates

- Interviewing candidates for Playground program manager.
- Playground: field trips planned.
- Concession stand will be rented by a third-party vendor. Cost saving for the Borough.
- Pool management team is assembled.
- Need volunteers to sit in on job interviews for playground and pool staff, if possible.
- Rentals of field/park space—flag football league; Tower Health Softball league.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary