

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Members present: Colleen English, John Harvey, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Ryan Oberly, Taryn Shillady, Jen Sundermier (arrived 6:05pm)

Members not present: Bethany Bower

Borough Council members present: Denise Drobnick (chair)

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to approve the minutes from August 2025 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion passed (7-0).

Event Wrap-Up

French Fry Fest

- Won't know what we're getting from it, but likely to be beneficial, can take up to 90 days to reconcile
- Discussed ideas about using funds for an event to give back to the community or supplies
- Discussed ideas for future at event

Karaoke Competition

- Made approx. \$1880
- Successful event
- Battle of the Municipalities on Sept. 28 in Jim Dietrich Park

Upcoming Events

Yoga in the Park

- Ongoing through end of September, Saturdays 9-10am
- First Saturday of the month will be family yoga

Haunted House and Hayride Preparation – October 10 and 11 (rain date 17, 18)

- Walls need to be rebuilt, Public Works aware of time constraints
- Ordered some decorations
- Will have a schedule of work days
- Need actors, volunteers
- Need event page

- Haunted House, 6:30-9:30 (first half hour lights on); Hayride 7:00-9:30pm
 - Start selling tickets at 6:30pm; stop hayride ticket sales at 9pm
- Concessions

Tree Lighting/Holiday House Decorating/Children's Party

- Tree lighting planning under way
- House Decorating contest – Have code ready by Halloween
- Will continue discussion coming up

Recreation Director's Updates

- Pups in the pool – about 30 people
- Staff deep cleaned; Pool shut down for season
- Salsa Burrito successful addition to pool

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski.
Motion carried (8-0).**

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary