

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Members present: Colleen English, John Harvey, Kristin Hawley, Ryan Oberly, Jen Sundermier

Members not present: Heather Jagielski, Taryn Shillady

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 November 2025 made by Jen Sundermier. Seconded by Kristin Hawley. Motion passed (7-0).

Event Wrap-Up

Haunted House and Hayride

- Tear down; will keep bins labeled
- Mike will reach out for help if needed
- Discussed a few potential ideas for next year about dates, activities.

Upcoming Events

Tree Lighting (Friday, Dec. 5; Monday, Dec. 8 rain date)

- Start time at 6pm
- Preparing for a cold night
- Have gifts for kids (from Santa and Mrs. Claus), candy, blanket donations
- Lights on tree already
- Volunteers: arrive 5:30pm (need approx. 3-4)

Holiday House Decorating Contest

- December 19-21
- Promote at tree lighting
- Kristin will share entrants during week of Dec. 19 for commission members to judge

Recreation Director's Update

- West Reading personalized canopy (easy up tent)
- Planning to order tablecloth with logo

Tentative 2026 Schedule of Events

January

- January 15: Young Magician's Night

February

- February 15: Winter Karaoke competition (3rd and Spruce)
- February 24: Dungeons and Dragons Night (Bicentennial House)

March

- March 29: Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion)

April

- April 11: West Reading Fishing Rodeo

May

- May 17: Vines & Vibes
- May 23: Pool opens (weekend only)
- May 30-31: Pool opens (weekend only)

June

- June 6: Pool open for season
- June 7: Vines & Vibes (rain date)
- June 8: First Day of Summer Playground Program
- June 26: Moonlight Swim

July

- July 4: 4th of July at the Pool
- July 17: Moonlight Swim
- July 31: Playground program ends
- July 31: Moonlight Swim

August

- August 3: Pool Hours change to 12-6:30pm for remainder of summer
- August 4: National Night Out
- August 24: Pool closed (Monday – Friday)
- August 29-30 Pool open (weekend only)

September

- August 31 – September 4: Pool closed
- September 5-6: Final pool weekend
- September 6: Karaoke
- September 7: Pups at the Pool (pool closed for the season)

October

- October 9-10: Haunted House & Hayride
- October 16-17: Haunted House & Hayride (rain dates)
- October 22: Haunted House only

November

- November 24: Dungeons and Dragons Night

December

- December 4: 98th Annual Tree Lighting
- December 7: Tree Lighting (rain date)
- December 18-20: Holiday light decorating contest

Will continue discussions and finalize dates and event at January meeting.

Things to consider: adding concert event in park during summer; look at haunted house and hayride dates (check Wyomissing homecoming; avoid second Friday); consider adding Porchfest.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary