

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

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

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 December 2025 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by John Harvey. Motion passed (9-0).

Commission Reappointments

Kristin Hawley, Colleen English, and Heather Jagielski were all reappointed for new terms on the Recreation Commission.

Event Wrap-Up

- Tree Lighting
 - Event was successful
 - New portions of worked (performances at church; Santa and Mrs. Clause giving gifts)
 - Discussed future of event, including purchase of a panel tree, moving location of event (partially in response to potential future development of Delany Circle)
- Holiday House Decorating Contest
 - Winners posted on Facebook
 - 303 Reading Ave.
 - 301 Reading Ave.
 - 301 S. 3rd Ave.
 - Winners will be notified and offered prizes

Upcoming Events

- Magician's Night, January 27, 6-8pm
 - Bicentennial House
 - Minimal volunteers needed
- Karaoke Battle, February 15, 4-8pm
 - Volunteers needed
 - DJ, location (3rd and Spruce) set
- Vines and Vibes

- Email to vendors sent, some committed. Band committed (Frog Holler)

2026 Schedule of Events

January

- January 27: 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 2: PorchFest (rain date: May 9)
- 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 (movie at the pool)

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 competition
- September 7: Pups at the Pool (pool closed for the season)

October

- October 16-17: Haunted House & Hayride
- October 23-24: Haunted House & Hayride (rain dates)
- October 30: 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

Zumba with Valerie: Every Saturday, 10-11am, April 13-August 24 (Pavilion)

Yoga in the Park with Nest Collaborative: Every Saturday, 8:30-9:30am, May-September (West Reading Parkland)

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Taryn Shillady. Seconded by Jen Sundermier. Motion carried (9-0)

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary