

## **Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6PM

West Reading Borough Hall, 500 Chestnut St, West Reading, PA 19605

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Members present: Taryn Shillady, Jen Sundermier, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski

Members not present: Colleen English, John Harvey, Ryan Oberly

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

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment: None

Guest Presentation: Jake Daniels (The Gem on Penn) and Love Team would like to help create ornament sponsorships for businesses and families. They also shared ideas to bring more people to the tree lighting.

**Motion to approve the minutes from March 2026 made by Taryn Shillady. Seconded by Bethany Bower. Motion passed (6 - 0)**

### Event Recap:

D & D Night (March 5, 2026)

- Not well attended
  - Possibly because date was changed twice
- At next event create an email list to help gain interest

Easter Egg Hunt (March 29, 2026)

- Suggestions for next year:
  - More room and eggs for 0 - 4
    - Move all groups to the field for more space
  - Start promptly at 1:30 pm
  - Bunny arrives at 1:00 pm for pictures
  - A complete set of new eggs are needed for next year
  - Different candies such as gummy, sweet tarts etc. for kids that don't like chocolate
  - Information tent set-up

### Upcoming Events:

- Fishing Rodeo - April 11th - 8:45 am (younger fisherpersons)/9:00 (older fisherpersons) - 12:00pm
  - Volunteers arrive at 8:00 am
  - Registration starts at 8:00 am
  
- Porchfest - May 2nd
  - Volunteer sign-ups
    - Two information tents will be set up
  
- Vines and Vibes - May 17th
  - Volunteers needed at 11:30 am
  - Thank you to the Quoting Club for sponsoring

### Recreation Director Update:

- Playground leaders have been hired
- Managers and lifeguards are hired for the pool

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kristen Hawley. Seconded by Taryn Shillady.  
Motion carried (6 - 0)**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6pm at Borough Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Jagielski  
Recreation Commission Member