

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

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

Members not present: Heather Jagielski

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 April 2026 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Jen Sundermier. Motion passed (8-0).**

### Event Recap:

#### Fishing Rodeo

- Earned money, had more sponsors
- Raffles were successful
- Over 30 participants
- Solid, regular participation year after year

#### Porchfest

- Very successful event. Well-received by community
- Suggestions for improvement: bathroom; invite food trucks; include QR code on Porchfest sign; map with locations; discussed need for info tables; trash/recycle at each house
- Positives: showcases the neighborhood of West Reading beyond Penn Ave.; sharing space and community; great energy; welcoming
- Future: keep date (first weekend in May); consider pop-ups for future; porch concert series
- Clear roles/expectations for host – e.g., trash, keep people out of street

### Upcoming Events

#### Vines 'N Vibes, May 17, 2026

- Volunteers workshop meeting next week for volunteers
- Need volunteers day of: plant swap, selling t-shirts, vendor set up; volunteers arrive 11:00am; tear down 5:30pm
- Event starts at 2pm; vendors arrive 11:30am

Recreation Director Update

Pool and playground will open for the season soon. Leadership roles at both in place.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen English  
Recreation Commission Secretary