

Borough of West Reading Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Members present: Colleen English, John Harvey, Kristin Hawley, Heather Jagielski, Ryan Oberly, Taryn Shillady (arrived 6:14pm), Jen Sundermier (left 6:31pm)

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

Borough Staff present: Mike Esterly, Recreation Director

Public Comment

Maureen Hasty (Sunset Rd.): Request for Recreation Commission to consider possible activity and/or partnership with Wyomissing School District that utilizes playground at West Reading Elementary. Playground currently not open to public, this might be away to provide some public access and appeal to younger children who do not attend West Reading Elementary. Discussed possible ideas for opportunities to partner with school, provide activities with responsible adults present. Discussed attending a Wyomissing School Board Meeting or workshop in June to investigate further possibility.

Motion to approve the minutes from May 2026 made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski. Motion passed (8-0).

Resignation:

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to accept the resignation of Jennifer Sundermier made by John Harvey. Seconded by Taryn Shillady. Motion approved (9-0).

Discussed letter of interest for new commission member, Israel Arce.

Motion to recommend to Borough Council to appoint a new commission member, Israel Arce, made by John Harvey. Seconded by Bethany Bower. Motion approved (9-0).

Event Recap:

Vines 'N Vibes (May 17, 2026)

- Successful event
- Large, busy crowds (likely over 500 people)
- Generally positive feedback from vendors
- Planning to survey vendors next year to get more feedback
- Need more volunteers for next year; expand event next year

Upcoming Events

- French Fry Fest
- National Night Out (Aug. 4)

- Karaoke Competition (Sept. 6)

Discussed upcoming events, but few details at this point.

Recreation Director Updates

Playground program starts on Monday, June 8. Close to 30 kids registered.

Discussed organization of Recreation items located in pool and pavilion.

Pool opens for season on June 6.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kristin Hawley. Seconded by Heather Jagielski.

Motion carried (8-0).

No meeting in July.

Next meeting: Monday, August 3, 2026, at Bicentennial House

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen English
Recreation Commission Secretary