

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
6:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione	Brandy Figueroa
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	
Amanda Sexton, Youth Member	

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Debbie Cunningham, Mike Latini

**Erika Ropke Polanis participated by phone

A motion to approve the minutes and report from June and the report from July was made by Noleen and seconded by Dawn. All in favor:

Aye: 3 (1 via phone- EP) Nay: 0 Absent: 4

Public Comment: None

New Business

ADAC has requested use of the 2nd floor of the Youth Center once a week for 21 weeks to hold drug and alcohol prevention classes. A certificate of insurance will be provided. A motion to approve the use of the building was made by Noleen and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 3 (1 via phone- EP) Nay: 0 Absent: 4

John recommended Harry Tomasi to be the new Youth Recreation Commission member to replace Matt Kowal. Harry participates in many recreation sponsored events and makes a good candidate. A motion to approve John's recommendation was made by Erika and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 2 (1 via phone – EP) Nay: 0 Absent: 4 Abstain: 1(NCT)

John reviewed the Sumer Program which ended August 19th. Equipment hand out will be at the Youth Center on August 19th. This gives John a chance to see what supplies are needed for next year. The beach closes on August 18th. Summer lunch served 50 lunches per day. Street Hockey averaged 15-25 kids per day. Softball had 16 participants. Track had 10-20 participants. John will evaluate the track program returning for next summer. Soccer Camp was a great success. 40-50 youth attended each week for two weeks. Volleyball camp was cancelled due to low registration. 25-30 youth attended the basketball camp held at Church Street every Tuesday and Thursday.

Movie in the park night, co-sponsored by the First Assembly of God, was a success. Movies were shown June 22nd, July 13th, and August 17th.

The concerts in Farnum Park went well. 2 out of 3 were held in the park and the other was moved to Drew Methodist Church due to rain.

Field Day was a great day. Close to 100 kids participated. There was a dunk tank and a slip n slide to add to the fun.

The beach had low attendance during the weekdays. The beach was open from Thursday through Monday 12-6. John is going to recommend a time change to 11-6 for the 2017 season. John praised Tom Brislin, a lifeguard, for his excellent professionalism and work ethic this summer.

33 people attended the Mets game on July 27th and had a good time. 30 people attended Dorney Park on August 5th and had an awesome time. The Recreation Department chose 20 kids as winners of Kids of the Week and will treat them to a Scranton Railriders game on August 18th.

John feels that this summer staff was the best staff that we have had in a very long time. He received many compliments from the public.

John reviewed the upcoming events and concerts for the next month:

8/24 – Free concert at Riverside Park – Rich Wilson 7pm.

8/31 – Free concert at Riverside Park – Carl Richards 7pm.

9/17 – Food Drive Music Festival at Riverside Park 12pm.

9/24 – Tennis Court dedication to Luann McCarthy at Church St. 11am

The longboard event scheduled for Labor Day weekend has been cancelled due to low registration.

The tourism board now falls under the Recreation Department and John's responsibilities. John read the email, from Mayor Decker, explaining John's involvement. Noleen questioned whether John will receive an increase in salary because his responsibilities have increased. John will discuss that during budget hearings.

The 2017 proposed budget has been submitted to the Mayor. John will email a copy with the report. John reviewed the changes. John would like to add a 9th week to beach and bring the playground staff back to 30 hours per week. The council will vote end of November or early December.

Old Business

The Dinner Along the Delaware was great. The storm did not impact the event. The fireworks were great. The event for 2017 is scheduled for July 3rd.

This year's triathlon went well. John will address the problems with the ambulance missing from the race. John is going to look for a flagship sponsor for next year's race.

The trail posts are in the ground. The arrows need to be ordered. The signs naming the trails need to be ordered. Trails need mowing. Volunteers are needed for trails.

The Will of Orange Signs have been posted throughout the city. Registration is already set up.

The Jets Field Trip is scheduled for October 23rd. They will take on the Baltimore Ravens

Questions/Comments/Concerns? NONE

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
6:00pm