

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Co-Chairman, Dawn Jones.

The following were in attendance:

Dawn Jones, Co-Chairman	John Faggione, Director
Debbie Cunningham	Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Brandy Figueroa	Mike Latini
Gina Fitzpatrick, Council Liaison Tomasi, Youth Member	Amanda Sexton, Youth Member

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Erika Polanis

A motion to approve the minutes and report from the February meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Mike. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Public Comment-none

New Business

John reported that the Spring Clean-up would be held on April 8 from 10-12 AM. Church Street, Farnum Park, West End Beach, Orange Square and Riverside will all be worked on. Coaches, Honor Society, PJ Pride and the softball team have all been notified and plan on participating. We will provide gloves and bags. Helpers are asked to bring rakes.

John reported that the Easter Candy Dash will be held on April 15 at Church Street Park at 11AM. Members who can help are asked to be there by 10:45 to set up.

There will be a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino on April 22. A Coach bus will leave at 8:30 and return by 6PM. The cost for the trip is \$30.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 29 at the walkway along River Road. The time is yet to be announced. John will not be able to be there and asked that as many members that could represent the commission be present. Orange and Rockland cut many of the trees and they will need to be replaced with smaller trees.

Mainly Marathons will hold a Port Jervis Marathon on May 4th at Riverside Park.

The 24th Annual Delaware River Run will be held May 7th. Applications are being sent out and registration is available online or at the Youth Center.

John discussed his decision to give the Summer Concerts another try. Letters have been sent out for sponsors and he already has 2 concerts set up. Rich Wilson will perform in July and John is setting up an 80's in the park night with DJ G.

The Summer Program staff from last year has been notified. Help wanted has been advertised and posted on Facebook. The schedule is underway and should be completed by the May meeting.

John reported that there has been a problem with feral cats at West End Beach. People are feeding them. A cat shelter that had been set up was destroyed and the police have been made aware of the problem. People need to be discouraged from feeding and caring for the cats. It is hoped that the area can be cleaned up before summer.

The Outdoor Club will meet at the Youth Center on Tuesday, April 11 at 7PM. John praised the group and showed the commission the various signs that have been purchased to be placed on fence posts along the hiking paths. The professional signs will clarify what once was simply “no trespassing” signs.

The New York State Rifle and Pistol Association will hold an Outdoor Sportsman Expo on Saturday, May 20th at Riverside Park. The Tourism Board will have a booth set up as will many others.

John reported that the Youth Basketball program has ended and was very successful. The Cops and Kids game that is always a highlight was held on March 4th and was able to provide a substantial amount of assistance to the Humane Society.

Old Business

There was a facility request from the First AG Church. They requested an additional movie night on August 30. A motion was made by Noleen and seconded by Brandy to allow the final movie night.

Aye:5 Nay:0 Absent: 2

The UTV request discussed at the last meeting did not go through but will be purchased with major project equipment money. City Recreation needs a new truck but is \$5000 short of the needed funds. A motion was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie to use major project equipment money to make up the difference.

Aye:5 Nay:0 Absent:2

John reported that the Youth Center has had 945 use the Rec Room. Teen night numbers have been lower (166) because several were missed because there was no school.

Secure Tel has donated 14 computers and 6 monitors to the Youth Center. John doesn't have room for all of them and will contact other city agencies to see if they could be used in any of those.

Youth report: Spring sports have started and the Spring Musical “Guys and Dolls” will be performed March 31-April 2.

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 was made by Noleen and seconded by Brandy.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Next Meeting- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00PM.