

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Brandy Figueroa
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Erika Ropke Polanis
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair	Debbie Cunningham
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	Harry Tomasi- Youth Member
Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth Member	<u>Absent</u> - Noleen Tomasi, Mike Latini

A motion to approve the minutes and report from October was made by Erika and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Guest Speaker- Mayor Decker:

Mayor Decker discussed with the Commission the plans to have the Recreation Department move to the Farnum Building. The building will house the Recreation Department/Youth/Community Center, CDA, Seniors, and the Youth Officer as well as include the addition of a new gymnasium building. The Mayor explained the proposed layout. The city will be possibly partnering with the YMCA to integrate services to offer to the public. Mayor Decker would like to see some fundraising take place to support this project.

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Candy Cane Nursery School has submitted their insurance for their Annual Thanksgiving Feast held at the Youth Center.

The Youth Center will, once again, be a drop off site for the Orange County Parks and Recreation sponsored Santa's Toy Box. New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off between the hours of 10am-6pm beginning November 27th and ending December 21st.

John met with the supervisors for the Youth Basketball Program and they feel confident continuing the program without Dawn Jones. John recommended Warren Ponds, Steven Smalls, and Dylan Kuntje to be the Co-Ed Youth Basketball Program Instructors. A motion to approve the recommendations was made by Dawn and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

The basketball program is scheduled to begin December 16th and run through March 3rd at the ASK gym. The flyers will be going out to the schools on November 27th. John is looking for volunteers to officiate the games.

John reviewed the Youth Center schedule for Thanksgiving break.

The Outdoor Club has posted signs to let people know that hunting is illegal on trails and to be sure to wear bright clothing and be cautious when using the trails.

John had to purchase a new refrigerator for the 2nd floor of the Youth Center to replace the original one. The large window in the Rec Room will be replaced in the spring.

John had made a part time cleaner recommendation to the Common Council, but the person declined the position. John plans to re-interview the 2nd applicant by November 27th. John will email the Commission on the progress of filling this position.

The Recreation Department recently purchased a spray bed liner and 2 tool boxes for the new Recreation truck. This will help with the longevity of the truck.

The tree lighting ceremony will be at the new Promenade on Front St. on 11/25 at 6pm. The Christkindlmarkt will be 11/26. The Rick Drew tree lighting will be 12/3. The Holiday Parade will be 12/10.

Recreation Commission Elections:

Debbie made a motion to recommend Tom to be Chairman of the Recreation Commission and Dawn to be the Vice Chair of the Recommendation Commission. Brandy seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Old Business:

The Halloween Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. The 2018 Parade will be scheduled for a Saturday with the rain date on Sunday.

The Fall Clean Up was a success. More than 30 kids and adult volunteers cleaned up Church Street and Farnum Park.

John gave the Youth Center update.

Rec Room-3,096 duplicated and 214 unduplicated

Teen Services – 731 duplicated and 211 unduplicated.

The attendance has been steadily improving as we head into the colder months.

Youth Report:

Winter sports are starting. Concerts are coming up. Harry reviewed the fall sports.

John is going to email the Commission with the dates for the budget hearings. All are invited to attend.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 was made by Erika and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00pm