

Recreation Commission
Thursday, January 24, 2013
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Department was held Thursday, January 24, 2013 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione	Josh Ramos, Youth Member
George Belcher, Liaison	Rashaad Escamilla, Youth Member
Dawn Jones	
Noleen Casey-Tomasi	
Debbie Cunningham	

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Luann McCarthy, Vice-Chair, Mike Latini, Erika Ropke-Polanis

The report and minutes from November as well as the End of the Year report has been tabled until February's meeting due to no quorum.

Public Comment: None

New Business

John reviewed the Winter Recreation Programs. Youth Basketball is halfway through its season. More than 80 3rd-6th graders are participating. The Annual Cops Vs. Kids game will be held March 2nd at 11am at ASK.

Judo has a total of 5 participants and has met twice. John is anticipating more participants in this free program. He plans to advertise at the Middle School Health Fair scheduled for March.

Karate flyers have gone out to the schools and the program is scheduled to begin on 1/28. Dalen Espie will, once again, be the instructor. This program will run for 6 weeks and is free of charge.

Bowling at PJ Bowl has been busy with over 100 participants.

Adult Basketball is held on Monday nights for Port Jervis School District residents. This program is going very well. Rosey Forbes and Matt Klemm are the instructors.

A Snow Tubing Field Trip is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st. Tickets are \$20/person and include transportation. Participants must be 42" to tube. There is availability for 50 on the bus. *****Schedule Change – The trip has been rescheduled to 2/28 because Fernwood is unable to accommodate our group on the 21st.**

John reviewed the 2013 Calendar of Events. Snow tubing will be on 2/21. Easter Candy Dash is scheduled for 3/30 at 12 noon. Spring Clean Up will be on Sunday, 4/7 at 12 noon. The Delaware River Run will be on Sunday 5/5 at 9 am at the Erie Depot. West End Beach will open

on June 6/15 and closes on 8/18. The Playgrounds will open 7/1 and close 8/9. Playgrounds will be open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. The Summer Program at the Youth Center will begin 6/25 and end 8/2. The Youth Center's summer hours are 10am-5pm. The Youth Center will be open 11am-5pm from 8/5 until school begins. The 67th Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for 10/27 and the Fall Clean-Up will be 11/16 at various city playgrounds.

John just finished the spring flyer and would like to get it to the schools by the end of February. A1A Taxi is cosponsoring the printing and distribution of the flyer.

Orange County Safe Homes has requested to use the building on 2/21 from 9am-12:30pm for a teen training workshop.

Old Business

Santa's Toy Box was not as successful as it has been in the past. 2 boxes of toys were donated.

There was a field trip to see the NY Jets play on 12/ 2. Everyone that attended had a great time.

The 2013 budget was presented to the Council. Everything was approved except the additional week.

The CDA will be in the Youth Center the 1st week of February.

The Rec Room has 471 duplicated teens and Teen Night has 141 duplicated teens. Both have been extremely busy.

The possibility of hiring a beach attendant for weekends and holidays for West End Beach was discussed. Charging fees and getting permits was discussed. John gave preliminary figures as to how much it would cost to hire a person for weekends in the summer. It was suggested that John meet with code enforcement and attend a finance meeting.

Youth Report – None

Questions/Comments/Concerns?

**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00pm**