

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Dawn Jones
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Luanne McCarthy, Vice-Chair	Josh Ramos, Youth Member
Kelly Decker	

Absent: Mike Latini, Erika Polanis, and Debbie Cunningham, Rashaad Escamilla

Public Comment: Mr. Xanthis and Lorelie Case from the Port Jervis School District came to present the 2013-2014 school budget. A copy of the proposed busget is posted online.

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

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

New Business

Preparations for the 5K Race are set. Joh is waiting for conformation from Chobani. Noleen has received verbal confirmation. T-shirts have been ordered. PJYFL will be there for registration. Volunteers are still needed. John has emailed different school organizations seeking volunteers. Josh will get a group to help. John will email Kelly so Kelly can get a group of middle school volunteers for race day.

John introduced the Port Jervis Fitness Loop. The loop is 2.5 miles long and begins in front of Bon Secours and loops through the city. There will be a marker every ¼ mile with arrows also indicating the route to follow. There will be a ceremony to celebrate the Fitness Loop on May 11th at 10am in front of Bon Secours. Noleen suggested that the Fitness Loop be promoted at the 5K Race.

Healthy Orange had wooden posts that would be posted along the Heritage Trail to label the mileage along the trail. John will keep the Commission updated through email.

Hershey Track and Field Games will be held Sunday, May 19th at the Port Jervis High School at 12noon. The track team will help run the events. John has already spoken with the coach. John will advertise this event at the 5K. Boys and girls ages 9-14 are able to participate. The event will take place rain or shine. Flyers will go home through the schools

R/C Word Depot has proposed a remote control park at Riverside Park in the former skate park. This area would be designated for races for remote control cars. Kelly suggested that John speak with Robin Waizenegger regarding the agreement. John would like to have the park open for the Summer Program and possibly have a weekly event occur during the program.

John met with Tom to discuss a possible long boarding event at Skyline Drive. This event is a work in progress. All insurances will have to be in place. The city's insurance will have to approve the event. All safety plans will be put in place. The Common Council has approved the event pending the proper insurance is obtained. Logistic testing is scheduled to be done on May 18th. John is in constant communication with Damien Brady and Robin Waizenegger while this is being planned. This will not be a source of income for the Recreation Department.

John has ordered new playground surface for the playgrounds and more dirt for the infield at Riverside Park. The surface and fill will enhance the parks. Kelly is concerned about the sinkhole in the upper level at Church Street. John will look into it.

Curbing and sidewalks will be installed at various playgrounds and parks throughout the city. Some are currently trip hazards.

The Summer flyer is almost done. John is just waiting on confirmation dates for a few special events. John reviewed the different field trips and the status if the Summer Concert Series.

Old Business

The Candy Dash was held March 30th. 200 people attended and had a good time. Free ices were given away by a local vendor.

The Spring Clean was held April 7th. More than 30 kids from local organizations participated in this event. Thank you letters have been sent.

Wade Young came to speak to Teen Night to speak to the youth that attend each Friday. 50 kids listened to Wade present Right Choices. Wade would like to come once a month to speak to those teens that may be interested.

There will be an adult softball league for a 2nd season this summer. First game will be on May 12th. 3 teams have paid. 8 teams have shown interest.

John reviewed the attendance at the Rec Room and Teen Night. Attendance has been steady at both. Teen Night serves approximately 50 teens each Friday night.. There will be no Teen Night on April 19th because John will be out of town.

Youth Report – None. It was suggested that Bronson Krupinich replace Josh Ramos when he graduates.

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

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: 3

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
7:30pm**