

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John V. Faggione	Dawn Jones
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Luanne McCarthy, Vice Chair	Bronson Krupinich, Youth Member

Absent: Debbie Cunningham, Erika Polanis, Mile Latini, Rashaad Escamilla

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

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

New Business

Tickets for the Jets game are sold out. The bus will be leaving for Royal Furniture Parking lot at 9:00am on December 1.

Flyers for Co-Ed Youth Basketball will be sent home through the schools on December 2, 2013. Registration will be 12/7, 12/9-12/11 at the Youth Center. The league will start on 12/14 and will run through March 1st. There will be a 2 week vacation for the holidays. Dawn and John explained how the teams are chosen.

John reviewed the Youth Center schedule for the week of Thanksgiving.

AHRC has requested to use the Rec Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12noon-2pm. A certificate of insurance has been provided. A motion to approve the use of the facility was made by Luanne and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Brenden Rearer, a SUNY Cortland student, has contacted John and would like to conduct a Inclusivity Assessment at Riverside Park to examine and measure the amenities the park offers. This is a class requirement for him. A motion to approve the assessment was made by Dawn and seconded by Luanne. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

John reviewed the by-laws for Recreation Commission elections. A motion to nominate Tom for Chairman was made by Luanne and seconded by Dawn. A motion to nominate Luanne as Vice-Chair was made by Tom and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Old Business

The Skate Jam, held on October 26 had close to 100 participants and 100 spectators. It was well organized and everyone had a great time. All proceeds are being donated to Skate Park improvements at Riverside Park. Looking forward to next year's event.

The Halloween Parade was held October 27th. There was a good turnout. The Elks concluded the parade with prizes. Fort Knox Storage had picture with Scooby Doo and Affinity Health Plan handed out hot chocolate.

The Fall Leaf Clean up was held on November 16th at several parks. Close to 40 kids and adults participated. Different organizations helped gather 30 bags o leaves in just 2 hours.

John discussed the budget for 2014. The budget will remain similar to last year's budget. The new proposals were not added. John will send a new budget when it is approved.

There are only 2 sessions of Busy Bodies left. It is averaging 7-15 kids each week. The program is doing well.

The Recreation Room has had 6,260 kids since January 1st. The unduplicated number is 615. Teen Night has had 1,186 teens since January 1st and 272 unduplicated. Both components are doing very well. Friday nights have been very busy. On November 15 there were 84 kids at Teen Night.

Noleen will try to get Chobani to donate yogurt for this year's 5K.

The Youth Center is, once again, a drop off site for Santa's Toy Box.

John asked that the Commission email or call him with any ideas that they might have throughout the year and those ideas can be discussed at meetings.

Youth Report: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm was made by Noleen and seconded by Luanne. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
7:00pm**