

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director
Tom Hoppey, Chairman
Luann McCarthy, Vice-Chair
George Belcher, Liaison

Debbie Cunnigham
Dawn Jones

Absent: Mike Latini, Noleen Casey Tomasi, and Erika Polanis

A motion to approve the minutes and report from August and September were made by Luann and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Public Comment: None

New Business

Will be holding a Halloween Skate Jam on October 26th on Skyline Drive 9am-dusk. This will not be a race like the longboarding competition. There will be special events throughout the day. The money raised will be donated to the Recreation Department/Skatepark. The Common Council has approved this event pending approval from the Recreation Commission, police department, and DPW. A motion to approve the Halloween Skate Jam was made by Debbie and seconded by Luanne. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

The 67th Annual Halloween Parade is all set. The haunted house will be there again. Fort Knox will be coming with one of their decorated storage trucks and Scooby Doo. Affinity Health Plan will be there to hand out hot chocolate and informational packets. The Elks will be concluding the race with prizes. Volunteers need to be there at 2:30 to help set up.

The Fall Leaf Clean Up is now called Fall Port Pride Day and is scheduled for November 16th at 10am-12noon. John has contacted different school organizations to volunteer and the organizations that use the Youth/Community Center have been contacted as well. John asked Bronson if he could get some kids from the high school to help.

John reviewed the Youth Center schedule for half days (11am-4pm) and Teen Night (6pm-10pm).

John and Jill, The Senior Rec Leader collaborated and submitted this years' grant to the Youth Bureau. It was a competitive process. The department was awarded \$17,000 for 2014. This grant offsets costs for the city.

The proposed Recreation budget has been emailed to the Commission. John will furnish a hard copy if need be. John will email a copy to George. John discussed all of the proposals. The possibility of eliminating 1 Senior Recreation Leader from the Summer Program was discussed. John suggested a separate meeting to discuss those kinds of cuts. The budget hearing will be coming soon. The budget has been submitted to Robin Waizenneger.

John read a letter of resignation from Kori Vincenti-Krentz as Youth Center Leader effective November 4th and recommended Nicole Stellato as her replacement. Nicole is currently on the sub list for Youth Center staff. Nicole is also returning as the Fall Busy Body instructor. A motion to accept Kori's resignation letter and approve to hire Nicole as Youth Center Leader was made by Luann and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Old Business

John gave the updated numbers for Rec Room attendance and Teen Night. There was a dance on October 4th. 65 teens attended and had a great time.

Bon Secours is hosting another Men's Night Out and will be donating the money to the Recreation Department. John will contact Mary Decker to confirm.

John will be contacting Kathy Hendrickson to begin writing a grant for improvements at West End Beach. He will keep everyone updated.

Youth Report – None

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

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
7:00pm