

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Dawn Jones
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Mike Latini
Debbie Cunningham	Erika Ropke-Polanis
Rob Waligroski, Liaison	

Absent: Noleen Tomasi, Matt Kowal, Youth Member, Amanda Sexton, Youth Member

A motion to approve the report from July, the minutes and report from August, and the report from September was made by Mike and seconded by Dawn. There are no minutes from July or September as there were no meetings these months. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Public Comment

New Business

The 69th Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 25th at 3:30. Lineup will be at 3pm. Donuts and cider will be handed out at the conclusion of the parade. Debbie, Lisa, and Erika will be there to help set up at 2:45. John would like to add a pumpkin carving contest to the 2016 parade.

The Fall Clean Up is scheduled for November 14th 10am-12noon. Where John sends the volunteers will depend on the amount of volunteers that come. He would like everyone to meet at Farnum Park at 10am.

The Youth Basketball program is all set up. Flyers are done. The school use form has been submitted.

The Busy Body Program started on 10/17. The first class went well. 12 kids participated.

John showed the before and after pictures of the sidewalks at Church Street and Mother's Park. He also showed a picture of the new sign at West End. He would like to phase in the same style sign at all the parks so they match.

John is working with DeeJay Birtch, a Port Jervis Native, and the mountain bike company that he works with to develop hiking and biking trails at Point Peter. DeeJay has mapped out 24 miles of trails. He will be returning in November to go with John to walk some trails and use an ATV on others so that the trails can be marked. Some trails exist and some trails need to be

developed. Mike asked if any of the trails were to be used for ATVs. John said that all trails will be non- motorized trails. John would like to have the trails available for cross country skiing in the winter. The county is not assisting the city with this project. John will keep everyone updated.

John has submitted his 2016 proposed budget to be reviewed by the Mayor. John shared that the Mayor mentioned the possibility of only opening one site for the summer program, reopening the beach (with a beach fee), and offering swim lessons. John's proposed budget included reopening the beach and the Commission discussed various options for opening the beach. The Commission would like to draft a letter of disagreement regarding some of the Mayor's ideas. John has budgeted for the rates to increase for the 2016 Summer Lunch Program. John included a full time laborer in the budget.

John asked the Commission for names of people that may be interested in being a Commission Member. It was suggested by the Mayor that the bylaws be changed to include 9 members rather than 7. The Mayor makes the final appointment based on the recommendations of the Commission. John would like to have someone on the board by January. John would like to have a list to submit the Mayor soon.

Old Business

John reviewed the Summer Program. The parks and Youth Center had a good turnout. The Program offered 3 successful field trips. The 2016 Summer Program may offer a Mets Field Trip rather than a Yankees trip. The Concert Series had a low turnout. The possibility of holding less concerts and having them opposite days then the Broome Street Band was discussed.

The 1st Triathlon was held August 16th and was great! 50 people participated in the actual event. John received great feedback and great suggestions for future triathlons. Everyone was very helpful. It was suggested that the event be moved to June instead of August.

The ACME Downhill Races were held Labor Day weekend. There were no problems with the race. John felt that the event coordinator needed better organization and addressed the coordinator. There was a good turnout.

John gave the Youth Center update. Attendance has been steady. There was a dance on 10/9/15. 76 kids attended and had a great time.

Youth Report – NONE

John reminded everyone that Commission elections will be at the next meeting in November. Please make every effort to attend.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm was made by Debbie and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00pm