

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jarvis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center located on Pike Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Co-Chairman, Dawn Jones.

The following were in attendance:

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| Dawn Jones, Co-Chairman | John Faggione, Director |
| Erika Polanis | Debbie Cunningham |
| Noleen Casey-Tomasi | Brandy Figueroa |
| Matt Kowal, Youth Member | Gina Fitzpatrick, Council Liason |

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Mike Latini, Amanda Sexton, Youth Member

A motion to approve the minutes and report from the February meeting was made by Erica and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Public Comment-none

New Business

John reported that the Snowballs Chance Fat Bike Race will be held this Saturday starting at 11 am. He asked for volunteers to help man sections of the race and take pictures. Helpers were asked to meet at the Erie at 10 am. There will be a police escort of participants to the entrance to the trail at the water filtration plant. Experienced bikers will make 2 loops while others will make only one. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4pm where the trail begins at the water filtration plant.

The Annual Easter Candy Dash will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30pm at Church St. Park. John asked Matt to recruit students from the high school to help set up and distribute candy. Helpers were asked to report at 1pm.

The Annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on April 9 from 10am to noon. Letters have been sent out to groups using the Youth Center and volunteers are asked to meet at Farnum Park.

The Annual Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Applications will be mailed out after Easter break. Students will be informed after Easter break through their gym teachers for a reduced rate-for students only.

The high school boy's tennis team has requested use of the courts at Church St. Park from April 4 through May 13. John requested notification of specific days they will be needed so that the

courts can be made ready. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen to allow the team to use the courts. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

John reported that over Spring Break the Youth Center will open be every day from 11am-3pm. It will be closed on March 26 to accommodate the Candy Dash. John is still looking for a part time employee for the Youth Center.

Old Business

John reported that the Youth Basketball Skills Day and pizza party was very successful as was the Cops vs. Kids game on March 5. There was a good turnout and there was a large amount of food collected to be donated to Grace Episcopal Church.

The YMCA of Middletown is going to bus Port Jervis teens to Middletown on April 9 (see note below) to participate in Middletown's "Beat the Streets" program so our Port participants can see what YMCA has to offer. It will be open to students in middle and high school. The bus will return to Port Jervis at 10pm. John said the bus would only run if he had a minimum of 25 students participating.

Note: The date was changed to April 23, 2016

John reported that the course maps for the potential Pioneer Race have been sent to the mayor. There was much discussion on the information that John was given as to the needs of the promoters as well as concerns for the size and logistics of the race. The number of volunteers needed and the scope of the race raised concerns for all of the council members. Noleen stated that she would attend the next council meeting and bring up specifics about the race and voice council concerns.

John stated that the agreed Beach fees and Riverside Park fees will be sent to Code for approval.

The dedication to Luann McCarthy of the Church Street tennis courts was discussed with the possibility of holding it later in June after various spring activities have ended.

Youth Report-The Senior Class is selling Krispy Kreme donuts and there will be a circus held at the high school on April 1 with shows at 5:15 and 7:30.

A motion to adjourn at 8:09 was made by Erika and seconded by Brandy.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Next Meeting- Wednesday June April 20, 2016 at 7:00PM.