

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director
Tom Hoppey, Vice-Chair
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair

Debbie Cunningham
Erika Ropke Polanis

Absent: Mike Latini, Brandy Figueroa, Noleen Casey Tomasi, Matt Kowal, Youth Member, Amanda Sexton, Youth Member, Mike McCarthy, and Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison

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

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Public Comment: None

New Business

John reviewed the 2016 Summer Program. The flyers have been sent home through the schools. John would like to book 2 more concerts. He has reserved Rich Wilson and is considering Mike Pacer. Tom suggested Dan Bradley. John took his information and will contact him. The summer program will begin July 5th and end August 19th. The hours will be 9-3. The program was shortened to 7 weeks this year. The Youth Center will be open 11-3 the last week of June. The beach is scheduled to open 6/20. John needs lifeguards. He has tried many contacts and media options in order to advertise but has not received any interest. He is going to contact Minisink and DV schools to inquire about lifeguards.

The Pioneer Race has been cancelled.

The longboard race is scheduled for 6/11 and 6/12. \$10/person will go to the Recreation Department.

The outdoor club has met two times. Approximately 15-20 people have attended and shown an interest in the trails. The Commission would like to know whether the club is going to be a rec sponsored club. They would like the club to send the Commission a statement of purpose. John will check with Mr. Bavoso about the guidelines for this type of club.

If Senator Bonacic awards Rec a grant John would like to purchase signage for kiosks and trailheads for the trail system. He would also like to use it for repaving and additional work at the D&H Canal area. If the grant is not awarded John would like to use Major Projects to make the purchase. A motion to approve the use of funds for kiosks, trailheads, and repaving was made by Debbie and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

John reviewed and explained the flyer and events for the trail race challenge series called The Will of Orange. This is scheduled for October 2016. John recommended that the Commission approve the Race Challenge. These events include fat bike race on 10/29, an endurance trail run on 10/22, and a 10K called the Pt. Peter Challenge. A motion to approve the race challenge series was made by Dawn and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

John was approached by a company called Mainly Marathons. They are interested in using Riverside Park to hold a marathon. They would like to use the park May 5, 2017 at 6am. The race is a back and forth course and will not require DPW or police. The only needs are to have access to electric and bathrooms on 5/4/17 and 5/5/17. The City has been approached and likes the idea. Mainly Marathons will supply a certificate of insurance and the city will charge a \$250 fee to Mainly Marathons. A motion to approve the use of Riverside Park on 5/4/17 and 5/5/17 for Mainly Marathons was made by Debbie and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

John gave an update on the R/C Park. There is currently a pause on plans of using it again. John will continue to follow up and keep everyone informed.

The Youth Center will be 11-3 May 26th-27th and 30th, closed on the 28th, and 11-3 every Friday from June 3rd-17th.

Old Business

226 participants braved the cold rain and temperatures to finish the 23rd Annual Delaware River Run. Despite the rain, it was still a successful day.

TC Crawford held trail work days on 4/24 and 5/15. This was completed by a group of volunteers. John had them complete the Hold Harmless forms required for volunteers. They spent time digging out trails to be used as mountain bike trails. John donated water and t-shirts from Recreation as a thank you.

The YMCA Beat the Streets event was cancelled due to low interest and scheduling issues. This event may be rescheduled in the fall.

Youth Report: None

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

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

**NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 22, 2016 7:00pm**