

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman, Tom Hoppey.

The following were in attendance:

Tom Hoppey, Chairman
Dawn Jones, Co-Chairman
Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Gina Fitzpatrick, Council Liason

John Faggione, Director
Debbie Cunningham
Brandy Figueroa

Absent: Mike Latini, Erika Polanis, Amanda Sexton, Youth Member

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

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Public Comment-none

New Business

John reported that the June 20 opening of the beach at West End has been delayed due to the difficulty finding certified lifeguards. He contacted various agencies and one applicant contacted him today and he will follow up on another applicant. The beach can't be opened until we are able to hire three lifeguards. He stated that if one applicant that he is following up on is suitable, he may need to call a special meeting of the Common Council in order to approve that person in order to get the beach open. A motion was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie to hire Tom Brislan as a second lifeguard.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

John reported that the first free Outdoor Movie Night featuring "The Good Dinosaur" is being held tonight at Riverside Park in conjunction with the First Assembly of God Church. There will be other movies shown in July and August.

There will be a Free Outdoor Concert at Farnum Park on June 27 featuring the Broome Street Wind Ensemble.

Dinner Along the Delaware, sponsored by the Tourism Board will be held Friday, July 1 beginning at 6PM. Twenty restaurants have agreed to share their food. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. John has arranged for the fireworks to be set off at approximately 9:15 and is selling tickets.

The second Annual Tri-Athlon will be held Sunday, August 7, 2016. It will begin at 6:30 am and members will be contacted to help with the day. PJHS football players and Honor Society members will be contacted to assist as well.

John reported that the trees at Orange Square had been trimmed and one had been taken down. Donated benches will be placed in the park.

John reported that Soccer Camp will begin on Monday, June 27-July 1 for the first week and July 11-15 for the second week. 30 kids have signed up to take part.

A motion was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie to accept the resignation of Megan Smith, Youth Center Coordinator and hire Sarah Kean to replace her for the summer only.

Aye: 5 Nay:0 Absent: 2

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen to approve the hiring of Mackenzie Leroy and Kobie Lane as Track Instructors. They are stipend positions with two sessions lasting 6 weeks.

Aye: 5 Nay:0 Absent: 2

John reported that as of now, he has no tennis program. There was not as good a response last year. He is looking for a tennis instructor Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12. He is looking to fill the position and it can run later in the summer.

The Summer Concert Series has two performers so far-Mike Pacer on July 14 and Rich Wilson on July 28. August 11 is open and John is following up on other performers including Dan Bradley.

The Summer Schedule will run 7 weeks beginning July 5 and running until August 19. The lunch program will run until August 12. The Youth Center will be open from 11 to 3 for the remainder of June and closed Saturdays and Sundays. The playgrounds will open July 5 and run from 9am to 3pm daily, except weekends.

John reported that the Youth Center has had 3170, in attendance so far with 175 unduplicated. Teen Night has had 482 total with 137 unduplicated. There will be no Teen Night for the summer months.

This year's theme for the summer will be Team USA Olympics a life-sized chess and checkers board.

Old Business

The Mahackamack 400 Long Board Race was held on June 11-12 with 61 racers and it went well. The set up was good and the City received a profit of \$610 from the entry fees. The organizers said they would be back. It needs to be marketed better.

The R/C park will not be in operation this summer. There were too many uncertainties and it is in the best interest of the city to not open it this year.

John made note that the Outdoor Club is an independent group, not a part of the Recreation Department. They can meet at the Youth Center but are a separate entity.

John gave a Trail update. DJ Birch is home for a month and working on creating and connecting trails. Before he leaves, it is hoped that the signage will be up, trees will be marked and kiosks will be built. It is hoped that 4 x 4 posts where trails intersect will be installed over the summer.

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

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Next Meeting- Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:00PM.