

**Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2017**  
**7:00pm**

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Debbie Cunningham
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Dawn Jones, Vice-Chair	
Harry Tomasi, Youth Member	

Absent: Mike Latini, Erika Ropke Polanis, and Brandy Figueroa, Youth member Logan Fitzpatrick

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

Aye: 4            Nay: 0            Absent: 3

Public Comment: None

**New Business:**

The Port Jervis Varsity Cheerleaders have requested use of the Youth Center to host a Princess Tea Party on 9/30/17 from 10-2. Funds raised will go to help the cheerleaders go to Disney. We have insurance certificate from school on file. A motion to approve the Princess Tea Party was made by Debbie and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 4            Nay: 0            Absent: 3

There will be a Back to School Dance for Teen Night on 9/22/17. DJ G will be providing the entertainment.

The Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corp (Roger Morgan) requested use of the department's UTV for the Fireman's Parade in Sparrowbush, 9/23/17 from 12-6. John gave permission because the ambulance corp has been very supportive of our events throughout the years. Only Roger Morgan is permitted to drive the UTV- must be an employee or designate of the City to drive a city owned vehicle.

38 people are scheduled to attend the NY Jets game on 9/24/17. John will give an update at the next meeting.

The Fall Foliage Festival is scheduled for 9/24/17 from 10am-5pm.

The Orange County Youth Bureau will be using the Youth Center to hold the Orange County Youth Leadership conference on 10/11. 38 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the county will be attending for the conference and a panel discussion with community leaders.

The Halloween Parade is set for 10/29 with a rain date of 10/30. Lineup will be at City Hall at 3pm and kick off will be at 3:30pm. John asked for volunteers and asked Harry to recruit some student volunteers to act as spacers in the parade.

John has started to prepare the 2018 budget. It needs to be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. Workshops will follow once the budget has been submitted and John encouraged everyone to attend.

John is concerned about Youth Basketball and not being able to find instructors that are appropriate to coach. John would like to post this need on social media and would like the Commission to refer anyone that might be able to be an instructor.

#### Old Business:

The Food Drive Music Festival was held on 9/16. Not a huge crowd but a lot of people stopped by just to donate food items. Enough items were donated to benefit 3 different food pantries in the community- First Assembly of God, St. Mary's and Grace Episcopal church.

The Ultimate Teen Warrior event was cancelled due to lack of interest.

John gave the Youth Center update. Attendance has been low, but this is typical for this time of year. The weather is still nice so kids play outdoors and/or a sport.

Youth Report: Harry attended Open House at the High School on 9/11 to represent the Recreation Commission and hand out Fall and Youth Center Flyers. Noleen suggested that John host a PTA meeting at the Youth Center to give parents an idea of what is available to their children.

The Outdoor Club will be geocaching on 9/30 at the Watershed Trails. The Outdoor Club has changed their meeting and will now meet at the Youth Center the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

Questions/Comments/Concerns? – Tom will not be at the October meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4                      Nay: 0                      Absent: 3

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017  
7:00pm**

