

Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM 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  
Dawn Jones, Chairman  
Debbie Cunningham  
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison

Erika Ropke Polanis  
Brandy Figueroa  
Noleen Casey-Tomasi  
Harry Tomasi, Youth Member

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Mike Latini

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

Aye: 5            Nay: 0            Absent: 2

Public Comment: None

**New Business**

The Easter Spring Races will be held on April 8, 2018 at 1pm at the upper level of Church St. This relay race event will replace the Candy Dash. Each participant will receive a goody bag. Winners will get prizes. Volunteers are needed. Harry will recruit volunteers at school.

The cleanup is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Volunteers are asked to meet at Farnum. Harry has been asked to recruit kids for this event as well. John is going to email the middle and high schools to see if they will post the clean up on their scrolling boards. Noleen is going to look into going to the Entememann's store to get refreshments for end of the cleanup.

Runners have started to register for the 5K race on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications will go out next week. John is going to get a drone for overhead pictures This year they will be ordering long sleeve t-shirts.

Mainly marathon will be returning to use Riverside Park for their event on May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Fees are paid and they have already supplied a certificate of insurance.

John gave an update on the progress of the Farnum building. The process is slowly moving. The current floor plan is not conducive to a recreation room. John will meet with Jack- DPW director to sketch out an appropriate floor plan. The Commission wanted more information about YMCA's involvement with the new building and future Recreation Department plans. John will keep everyone updated.

Church Street gates open this weekend. Pt. Peter's gates will open when the snow melts. Hiking and biking the trails is still allowed. The bathrooms at Riverside Park have had their doors replaced and all the bathrooms at the parks and West End have been rekeyed to match.

The window in the Rec. Room will be replaced when the weather gets warmer.

The seats in the Kubota received damage over the winter. It is believed that an animal chewed the seats and back rests. John has contacted a company to replace the damaged seats.

John reviewed the summer staff. All playground supervisors will be returning. Maintenance staff will be needed. We are losing Tom Brischler, a lifeguard and will need a replacement for him. John has run an ad for two weeks in the paper and has not received any calls. The Commission suggested that the department look into sponsoring a teen that would be interested in getting lifeguard certified and In return will work for the department.

John reviewed the trips scheduled for the summer. The department will be going to the Bronx Zoo and to a Yankees Game.

A motion to allow the PJMS PTSO use the Rec Room to hold their April meeting was made by Noleen and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 5            Nay: 0            Absent: 2

John researched the price of rental fees charged by playgrounds and parks in Orange County. Many of them charge a resident and non-resident fee. A motion to raise the current rental fee to \$85 or \$125 for non-residents was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5            Nay: 0            Absent: 2

### **Old Business**

Youth Basketball has ended. It was a great program and all of the participants had a great season. The Cops and Kids game was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turnout. All donations went to the Port Jervis Humane Society.

32 people attended the Casino trip on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to a return trip.

John gave the update for the Youth Center. There was a Teen Night Dance on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Almost 50 kids attended and had a great time. Teen night has been busy and the Rec Room attendance has been steady. Spring Break hours will be 11am-3pm.

Noleen asked for more information regarding the Bump Park/Track at Riverside. John reported that the city met with DeeJay Birtch and TC Crawford one time and there have not been any updates since. He will look into additional information or progress of this project.

### **Youth Report**

Spring sports have started. The Junior Semi-Formal was good. The Harlem Wizards are performing on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

**NEXT MEETING:  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
7:00pm**