

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Brandy Figueroa
Dawn Jones, Chairman	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Debbie Cunningham	Mike Latini
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Erika Ropke, Harry Tomasi, Youth Member, Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth Member

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

Aye: 5 Nay: 2 Absent: 2

Public Comment: None

New Business

John is seeking volunteers for the Delaware River Run. A drone will be used for the race. Harry and Noleen are working on getting a GoPro for that day. Rita's will be giving away free Italian ice at the end of the race. T-shirts will be long sleeved this year. John needs to verify with the ambulance corp to make sure they are there. School applications will be turned in by April 27th.

Mainly Marathons is scheduled to run their race on May 12th at Riverside Park. Everyone is encouraged to stop by to see the race any time after 6am.

John recommended Mike Piscatelli, Lucas Riley, and Rory Matz and returner Kobie Lane as maintenance staff for the summer. All recommendations are Port Jervis residents. A motion to approve the recommendations was made by Dawn and seconded by Mike. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

John is still looking for a lifeguard for West End Beach this summer. John is hoping to have the Summer Program completed by May. The Yankees game will be offered on 8/1/18 and is a day time game.

Calvary Bible School has requested use of Riverside Park from 9am-4pm for their annual field day. Their rain date will be 5/24. A motion to approve the use of the park was made by Debbie and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

John would like to participate in a fundraiser for the PJ Volunteer Ambulance Corp on May 5th. The fundraiser will be held at WDLC radio and with sponsorship comes 12 mentions of the race that day. A

motion to allow the Department to sponsor up to \$100 was made by Brandy and seconded by Mike. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

John discussed the "Give Hope Movement" which is an acts of kindness/community service project for the week Of 7/16-7/21. John will have more information to follow.

Old Business

The Easter Spring Races held on April 8th was a nice event. Despite the cold, more than 35 kids attended the event and had a great time. Looking to expand it next year.

More than 30 kids attended the Spring Clean up on April 14th and helped clean Farnum Park and Orange Square.

The Middle School PTA held their monthly meeting at the Youth Center so that John could show the organization what the Youth Center and Recreation Department has to offer.

Parks are open. Safety Surfacing is ordered, and gates are open on the trails. John requests that if you see something of concern please contact the Recreation Office so he can address it.

Money from the state is being sought after for the renovation of the Farnum building into the new Youth/Community Center. John is going to explore the idea of joining with no for profit organizations to fundraise money for the new building. Mike suggested a raffle.

The City approved the 2018 Capital Note. John will be able to purchase a push leaf blower and a commercial lawn mower. John is working with Montague Tool Supply to purchase these items.

Youth Report: None

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

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2