

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
7:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Erika Ropke Polanis
Tom Hoppey, Chairman,	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Dawn Jones, Vice-Chair	Debbie Cunningham
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth Member
Harry Tomasi, Youth Member	

Absent: Mike Latini, Brandy Figueroa

A motion to approve the minutes and report from October were made by Erika and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Public Comment: None

New Business

John reviewed the staff and programs for the winter and requested approval. Co-Ed Youth Basketball will be on Saturdays starting January 5th and will end late February. The staff/volunteers have not been selected for this program yet. Co-Ed Youth Indoor Soccer is being offered Thursdays, December 6th -January 17th. Christian Richardson is the instructor. Co-Ed Youth Volleyball will be offered on Sundays beginning December 12th through February. Stacey Stankunas is the instructor. Justin Scoffield is the Adult Basketball instructor. This program will be offered on Sundays starting December 2nd, through March 31st. A motion to approve the programs and staff/volunteers was made by Noleen and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

A motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Kean from Recreation Leader position at the Youth Center and to appoint Austin Wilson to the vacant position was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

DECA would like to hold their annual Christmas party at the Youth Center on December 21st. A motion to approve the use of the Youth Center was made by Dawn and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

There will be a Teen Night Dance on Friday, November 30th 6:30-9:00. DJ G will be providing the entertainment.

The Youth Bureau has notified the Department of the 2019 funding. It will be slightly less than 2018.

The Youth Center will be a drop off location for the annual toy drive, Santa's Toy Box. The last day will be December 20th.

The Outdoor Club will be offering a hike with Santa Clause on December 15th at 10am-1pm. Any participants will need to meet at the entrance to Elks Brox Park.

The 2019 proposed Recreation budget hearing was rescheduled till November 26th. The council was very receptive to John's recommendations.

John recommended Wayne Addy to a Working Supervisor/Foreman Position for the Rec Department. A motion to approve Wayne Addy for this position was made by Debbie and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

John read the bylaws for the Recreation Commission Chairperson elections. Debbie nominated Tom Hoppey to be Chairperson. A motion to approve the nomination was made by Dawn and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Erika nominated Dawn Jones to be the Vice-Chairperson. A motion to approve the nomination was made by Debbie and seconded by Tom. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Old Business

The Fall Clean Up was held on November 11th. It was a cold and snowy day, but the group managed to do a great job cleaning Orange Square.

The 1st Assembly of God used Riverside Park for a Halloween event on October 31st.

The 70th Annual Halloween Parade was finally held on October 28th. There were more than 300 participants. The Elks handed out candy bags to the participants and prizes to selected costumes. Everyone had a great time and Thank You letters have been mailed.

The Little Chefs program has started and is going very well. The program runs every Saturday from 10-12. Check Facebook for photos.

The parks are all winterized. Church Street is open as long as possible. It will be closed once a substantial amount of snow falls. Elks Brox Park is currently open but will close once there is major snow.

John gave the Youth Center and Teen Night update.

Youth Report: There is a new Assistant Principal in the high school and winter sports are underway.

There will not be a Commission meeting in December

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

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, January 17, 2018
7:00pm