

**Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
7:00pm**

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Erika Ropke Polanis
Dawn Jones, Vice-Chair	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Debbie Cunningham	Brandy Figueroa
Mike Latini	
Harry Tomasi, Youth Member	

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth member, Liaison Gina Fitzpatrick

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

Aye: 6          Nay: 0          Absent: 1

John reminded the Commission that he emailed the End of the Year Report recently and would like to wait until February's meeting to approve it. He would like to give the Commission an opportunity to read it.

Public Comment: None

New Business

John reviewed the 2019 Calendar of Events. A motion to approve the calendar was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 6          Nay: 0          Absent: 1

Delaware River Run registration is open online. We will not be sending paper applications to past runners. Schools will still get paper applications from the physical education teachers.

The Commission discussed raising the price to rent Riverside Park. Port Jervis residents will still pay \$75 for 75 people or less and more than 75 will cost \$100. Nonresidents will have to pay \$85 and \$125. The concession stand is now fully equipped. The amount of rental time will now be limited to 5 hours. \$25 will be charged for each additional hour. A motion to approve the changes was made by Mike and seconded by Erika. All those in favor:

Aye: 6          Nay: 0          Absent: 1

John is in the process of making plans for snow tubing in February.

There is a casino trip to Mohegan Sun on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets include the bus and slot money.

Common Council has approved the Recreation Budget for 2019.

John is going to sit down with Wayne to discuss equipment that can be purchased using Capital Note.

The Rec Department will be partnering with Port Jervis Little League to install a backstop and eventually a field at West End Beach. A formal agreement will have to be created.

John met with engineers to discuss new Rec Center. John discussed the early designs for the new gymnasium at Farnum Park.

### **Old Business**

Youth Basketball has started and is going well. Numbers are down this year but this seems to be the problem throughout the area. The league starts this week. John asked Harry to help with the time clock at the league games.

Adult basketball is going well. There are no problems to report.

Volleyball is going well. The high school kids are enjoying themselves. This program will end in early February.

The Youth Soccer program is being extended through February. This program runs Thursday nights at 6pm.

The Little Chefs program was a great success. John is looking to expand it when he is able to offer it again.

Noleen suggested that participants from the different Rec programs speak at Common Council meetings to tell public about their positive experiences.

John gave the Youth Center update. Teen Night has had two, well attended dances.

John reviewed the total attendance for 2018. He modified 2019 Youth Bureau goals because attendance has been declining. John has spoken to the Youth Bureau about the possible reasons for low attendance.

Thank you to Jill and John Mason for fixing the bowling alley and making it a great place for the kids to want to hang out again.

Austin Wilson, one of our Rec Room Supervisors, will be heading back to college next week. We will see him again in the spring.

The DECA party went very well. Everyone that attended had a great time.

Youth Report – this week is Regents Testing Week

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 was made by Erika and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 6            Nay: 0            Absent: 1

**NEXT MEETING:  
Thursday, February 26, 2019  
7:00pm**

