

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
7:00 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Dawn Jones, Chairman	Brandy Figueroa
Debbie Cunningham	Mike Latini
Harry Tomasi, Youth Member	

Absent: Tom Hoppey, Chairman, Erika Ropke Polanis

A motion to approve the report and minutes from January and the report from February (no minutes for February- no meeting) was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Public Comment: None

New Business

The Recreation Department will be partnering with Operation PJ Pride for this year's Spring Clean Up. It is scheduled for April 6th at 10am. Volunteers are to meet at Farnum Park. Volunteers are still needed. Please get the word out. The Easter Egg Races are scheduled for April 20th at 11am at Church Street. The events will be the same as last year and offered to youth ages 0-9. Each participant will receive a goody bag and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The 5K is scheduled for May 5th at 9am. Elementary schools will get the discounted fees. Harry suggested that the High School physical education teachers be contacted and maybe an arrangement can be made for any high school participant to be exempt from Workout Wednesday. Save the Date cards have been made in lieu of applications and will be mailed out early next week. John is going to meet with the owners of the Erie to see if they will participate in

giving participants a discount off their bill if they bring their runner's bib into the restaurant. John is working on the design. Volunteers are needed and will need to be there by 7am.

Cornerstone has requested use of Church Street to do an Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th at 11am. They have already provided a certificate of insurance. A motion to approve the use of Church Street was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Bicyclists from the organization Bike the US for MS have requested the use of the Youth Center as an overnight area to rest. They are completing a tour from Florida to Maine. There will be 15 cyclists to use the Center on 5/16 and 5/17 and will be out by 8am on the 5/17. The insurance has been sent and some changes have been made and John is awaiting changes. The facility use will not affect the daily operations of the Rec Room. Noleen suggested that we try to see if we can make it an educational opportunity for anyone interested in learning about what this group does. A motion to approve the use of the Youth Center was made by Debbie and seconded by Mike. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

John reviewed the Youth Center schedule for Spring Break. The Center will be open 11-3 4/12-4/22. It is possible that we will be closed on Good Friday.

Forward UK Soccer will be offering a 6 week soccer program down at West End Beach on Sundays 9am-11am.

The Little Chefs Spring Edition registration will take place in April. John has to finish the planning with Kathy Shortell, the instructor. John has been approached about offering a free Art Class to the Youth. He has plans to meet with the interested woman and will do a background check and get references before moving forward.

Pt. Peter and Church Street are now open daily and locked at night.

John reviewed the Summer Program for 2019. A Mets game is scheduled for 7/25. There will be a field trip to the 9/11 museum in August. John is still looking into a summer trip for the kids at the parks. Each Friday will be a Special Event.

The National Park Service will be visiting. A 1st Responders Day is scheduled. John is considering including a hike, Beach Friday, and visit from the Humane Society as well.

John is looking into the installation of security cameras for the building and getting a buzzer for the front door.

Old Business

Youth Basketball ended on 2/27. The program went well. Thank you to the Tomasi Family and the Conklin Family for volunteering.

The Cops vs. Kids Game was held 3/2. It was a good turnout and donations for the Humane Society were raised.

Winter Volleyball and Soccer are over. Adult Basketball ends in early April.

The Snow Tubing field trip was cancelled due to lack of interest and snow.

The Casino trip was well attended and a great day. More than 50 people went.

John gave the Youth Center update. On March 8th, Teen Night went Hatchet Hurling.

Youth Report – Harry discussed that SATs are coming up and reviewed which teams made it to states.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
7:00pm**