

**Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**  
**7:00pm**

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 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	Mike Latini
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Brandy Figueroa
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair	Debbie Cunningham
Noleen Casey Tomasi	Erika Ropke Polanis
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	Harry Tomasi, Youth Member

Absent: Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth Member

A motion to approve the report from April was made by Debbie and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 7            Nay: 0            Absent: 0

Public Comment: None

**New Business**

29 participants have registered for the spring youth soccer held at West End Beach on Sundays until June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rec will be co-sponsoring a Summer Soccer program. John will have more information at the June meeting.

Gym Ratz in conjunction with PJ Recreation is offering a free basketball clinic at the PJHigh School on May 29<sup>th</sup> for grades 3 and up.

The Pump Track, at Riverside Park, will open this Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This event will be sponsored by the Outdoor Club. John is going to set up a table at the event and will bring the Gym Ratz flyer.

The Summer Program will be distributed to the schools next week. John will announce the program on his Rec Roundup on Wednesday morning on WDLC.

John has interviewed the candidates for Summer Playground Supervisor positions and will have the names to Gina for the next Common Council meeting. We do not need FT lifeguards this season. John will be looking for sub lifeguards.

Mainly Marathons will return on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to complete their event at Riverside Park. The Outdoor Club will be building a new trail at Riverside Park- it will be coming in 2020.

Little Chefs and Jr. Picasso are both doing well. Classes are held on Saturdays and will wrap up in early June.

Dinner on the Delaware will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are not on sale yet. The parks will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the holiday. John proposed that the playgrounds and Youth Center close on July 5<sup>th</sup> as well. A motion to approve the closure on July 5<sup>th</sup> was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 7      Nay: 0      Absent: 0

The Rec Department will be taking a field trip to watch the Mets play on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$55.00 each. On August 13<sup>th</sup> the department will be going on a field trip to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial. It is a 2 hour tour. Tickets are 18 years and older (\$50), ages 7-12 (\$40), 13-17 (\$45), and military (\$20).

Despite the cold rain, 202 participants finished the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River Run. Kudos to the volunteers that helped make that day a success. John is all set for the 27<sup>th</sup>!

### **Old Business**

The ball field at West End is getting good use.

John discussed the issues happening at Farnum Park with language and behavior. He is working with the PD to coordinate a community event to help improve the issues there.

Church St. is getting locked up at night.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> a MS Bike Tour used the Rec Center to camp out after completing 75 miles of biking that day. The group was extremely thankful for the offering of the facility and the hospitality they received while here.

John gave the numbers for the Youth Center Rec Room and Teen Night. May 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last Teen Night of the school year. The Center will be closed for Memorial Day, but open from 11-5 on 5/28.

Harry gave his Youth Report.

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

Aye: 7      Nay: 0      Absent: 0

**NEXT MEETING:  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**