

**Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**  
**6:00pm**

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 6 :05 pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Brandy Figueroa
Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Debbie Cunningham
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair	Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Gina Fitzpatrick, Council Representative	Mike McCarthy
Katie Duryea- Youth Member	
Mayor Decker	

Absent: Mike Latini, Erika Ropke Polanis, Logan Fitzpatrick, Youth Member

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

Aye: 5            Nay: 0            Absent: 2

Public Comment: None

Presentation – Port Jervis Rotary Club spoke to the Commission about the possibility of using a section of Church Street Park to build an inclusive playground for special needs children. The Rotary will be funding this project and hopes to start the project in 5 years. The Recreation Commission likes the idea and will continue to research and discuss Church St. as an option at the next few meeting.

**New Business**

John welcomed and introduced Katie Duryea, the newest Youth Member for the Commission. Katie replaces Harry Tomasi. Harry is leaving for college.

LaAsia Brown has resigned from the Recreation Leader’s position at the Youth Center. John recommended that Megan Nason be appointed to the position that LaAsia left vacant. A motion to approve the resignation of LaAsia and the appointment of Megan Nason was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye:            Nay:            Absent: 2

John made the Commission aware that he has been assigned a new email and will no longer be using the old one. The new email is recreationdirector@portjervis.gov.

Fall Soccer will be at West End Beach starting September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am and will run on Sundays.

The Fall Foliage Festival is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am-5pm.

The Patriotic Color Run with Shop Rite has been cancelled. There was low interest in this event and it conflicted with other events in the area.

Jason Daw, a lacrosse coach, approached John about holding a Lacrosse Day in October to expose the youth of the community to the sport. He and John will work together to offer Lacrosse Day on October 20, 2019 at West End Beach. This will be a free program offered to boys and girls in grades 2-6. Jason will apply for an equipment grant. Participants are not limited to Port Jervis residents. The rain date will be October 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a background check done on Jason Daw. Noleen suggested that the Athletic Director, coaches, and administrators from the school district be invited to attend. A flyer will be created.

John has been working with Tim Simmons to plan a Polar Plunge of 2020 at West End Beach. The planning is in its early stages. The date is scheduled for 1/18/20 and a snow date of 1/25/20.

John reviewed the fall/winter/spring hours for the Youth Center which will start the week that school starts.

### **Old Business**

The Summer Program will be reviewed in the August Report. The Master Attendance List breakdown is as follows:

Church Street – 192

Farnum – 264

Riverside – 143

\*\*The actual duplicated totals will be included in the August report.

The Youth Center averaged 35 children per day. Special activities were offered daily.

The beach did very well. The beach attendant took in \$3,130 in parking fees this summer.

Both field trips went well.

Dinner along the Delaware went well. It was not a sellout event. More than 300 people attended. Changes for next year's event are still in discussion.

The Middle School Summer Art Class painted a mural in the bowling alley. John will bring the Commission to see it at September's meeting.

The 2020 Youth Bureau grant was submitted in July. John should have more information in October.

John gave an update on the New Youth Center. The Anderson Group was there and did a 3D scanning of the entire park and building. It was very extensive. There are no results at this time. Mayor Decker reported that there is a new design for the building as it will now be acting as an evacuation site for the city as well. Mayor Decker explained the funding.

Youth Report – John explained expectations for Youth Member's to Katie. Katie reported that Fall Sports have begun.

John passed out the postcards created by the Tourism Board that list upcoming events in the City.

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

Aye:

Nay:

Absent: 2

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**  
**7:00pm**