

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
7:00pm

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00pm 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	Corey Pupuolo
Dawn Jones, Vice Chairman	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Debbie Cunningham	Mike Latini
Liam Tomasi, Youth Member	Katie Duryea, Youth Member

Absent: Brandy Figueroa, Tom Hoppey, Chairman

John welcomed Corey Pupuolo to the Commission. John reported that Maria Mann was appointed to the Commission as our new Liaison. A motion to approve Liam Tomasi as the 2nd Youth Member was made by Mike and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

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

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

*There are no minutes for the month of September due to no quorum.

Public Comment: None

New Business

There is a Lacrosse Clinic scheduled for October 20th at West End Beach 1:30-3:00. This is free to boys and girls in grades 2-6. The goal for the clinic is to introduce the sport to youth in the area. There is no equipment and no experience necessary. Jason Daw is the instructor.

The 71st Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 26th at City Hall. Shop Rite is going to donate cider and donuts to be served at the conclusion of the parade. Elks will be there to give prizes. Spacers/volunteers are needed. Volunteers need to report at 3:00pm.

The Clean Up is scheduled for November 9th at Farnum at 10am.

John explained the Stone Challenge to the Commission. This event is a new event and will be held on November 23rd. This is a rain/snow/shine event. The Challenge is seeking a donation for the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis in lieu of a registration fee.

Based on the recent trend (attendance, gym space, staffing), John would like to reorganize the Youth Basketball Program for the 2019-2020 year. He will keep everyone updates as he works out the details.

John has scheduled a NJ Devils Hockey Trip on 2/8/20 at 7pm at the Prudential Center. Tickets are \$75 for the bus and ticket.

A possible trip to Radio City Music Hall is being considered.

There will be an Eagle Scout Project being completed at the entrance to Elks Brox Park.

John reviewed the plan for Orange and Rockland to put in a new gas line at Riverside Park. The project will be done in the fall. He will keep everyone updated.

There is a Health and Wellness Fair at the Port Jervis High School on 10/23 from 8:30am-10:30 am. John will be there to represent the department.

The process for winterizing the playgrounds and parks has started. Most will be completed by November 1st.

The 2020 budget and 2020 bond proposal/ capital note has been submitted. John explained the need for 2 new mowers and vehicle. The vehicle would be shared with DPW. John has requested quotes for resurfacing Church St. Park and also an estimate for paving the parking lot at West End Beach. John has requested a 2nd FT maintenance position and will change the seasonal schedule to ensure coverage. He also had to consider the minimum ways requirements when submitting his budget so there has been a request for raises to compensate for the minimum wage change. When John is notified about the dates for the budget hearing he will let the Commission know.

The Dog Yard had its grand opening on 9/28. Regulations to use the park are enforced. Out of state people can use the park for their dog for a fee.

Monsters on the Mountain was held on 10/12 and had a great turnout. Participants had a great night with movies, music, snacks, and haunted hikes. This event was FREE of charge.

Little Chefs class is full. There will be 13 little chefs this season. Class starts 10/26. Fall Soccer wraps up on 10/20. There will be a winter soccer program offered at the Middle School gym.

John is still waiting for results regarding the Farnum Building from the Anderson Group.

Katie gave the Youth Report. Fall sports are ending. SADD is sponsoring a Powderpuff Game on 10/30 at 6pm. There will be a Blood Drive on 11/9.

The Farnum Building is being used for the Farnum Haunting.

John gave the Youth Center update. Youth Center Halloween hours will be 12-4pm.

John reminded the Commission that elections will be held in November.

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

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

7:00pm