

**Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**  
**4:30pm**

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm. The following were in attendance

Tom Hoppey, Chairman	Brandy Figueroa
Debbie Cunninham, Vice Chair	Dawn Jones
Katie Duryea, Youth Member	
Chandler Campbell, Liason	

Absent: Mike Latini, Noleen Tomasi, Cory Puopolo

Public Comment: None

**New Business**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God will be offering its 2<sup>nd</sup> movie in the park this week. 1st one went well. Participants are following social distancing guidelines. Bathrooms are closed and no food is being served.

Rich Wilson's concert in the park went well and drew a nice crowd. People respected all social distancing guidelines.

The fireworks display is still scheduled for 9/4 at approximately 7:45pm. John has not heard from Phantom Fireworks to acquire a donation of extra fireworks. This event is not being promoted as a group event to avoid crowds gathering. John is attempting to schedule Side FX to have a concert that evening at Riverside, The bathrooms will be closed. He will keep everyone updated.

The casino trip has been postponed, again, to 11/14. If we need to postpone again John will cancel and reschedule when restrictions are lifted. 30 people are currently signed up.

West End Beach closed on 8/20. The beach acquired some damage due to a recent hurricane causing the beach to close for several days. John extended the beach being open for four extra days because of the storm closure. Lifeguards and staff have returned to work and college. John changed the beach policy to include non-residents and reinstate the fee for parking. The beach attendants were fantastic this summer and did a great job. Parking made \$3,400 in fees. The attendants helped with parking and keeping everything clean for COVID purposes.

John would like to expand the parking lot for the 2021 season. The land allows for it and he would eventually like to have it paid. Little League has offered use of their space as well. Garbage clean-up is an issue. Chandler asked what the estimated cost may be. John will have

to meet with Jack Farr to go over the plans. John would like to add beach attendants to the budget and keep them later in the summer. He hopes to have an estimate by the fall meetings.

The Summer Program did well despite the COVID restrictions. 75 kids attended the program. This number is a combined number from both locations (YC and Church St.). John felt the hours were not conducive to the parents' work schedules (9-11 and 12-2). Lunch was served Grab n Go style. Many activities were offered and the kids that attended had a great experience. John liked the requirement of kids having to register for the program and would like to continue that next summer. He felt that it provided more structure and organization.

John is waiting to hear from the school district before he plans for a fall opening at the Youth Center. He plans to open the Youth Center but does not know to what capacity. He suggested that students that are in school can attend the Youth Center on days that they attend school and those that are remote may not. If the number of kids remains low he will reevaluate. Dawn informed John that Open House is 9/16 and 9/17 and suggested that John contact the principal to see if he could present during this time.

Rachel Ryder resigned from her position to return to college. Tom made a motion to accept the resignation from Rachel Ryder and to approve the appointment of Megan Nason to replace Rachel Ryder. Brandy seconded the motion. All those in favor:

Aye: 4      Nay: 0      Absent: 3

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

Aye: 4      Nay: 0      Absent: 3

Jill Mason has taken some time off to help her family in North Carolina. She is expected to return the first week of October.

John made everyone aware that the 2021 budget will be tight and to expect cuts due to loss of revenue because of COVID.

#### Old Business

There were two concerts at Farnum and 2 at Riverside. All of them went very well. People respected all of the social distancing rules.

Youth Report: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16pm was made by Dawn and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4      Nay: 0      Absent: 3

**NEXT MEETING:  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00pm**