

Recreation Commission

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

6:15 PM

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director
Dawn Jones
Sean Addy

Melissa Newhauser
Debbie Cunningham
Colin O'Connell, Liason

Absent: Brandy Figueroa- Chairman
Stan Buczek,
Ivan Figueroa, Na"Shawn Campbell, Youth Members
Cory Pupuola- Vice-Chairman

Public Comment

None

Youth Report

None

Approval of Report and Minutes from May 2024

A motion to approve the minutes and report for May was made by Dawn and seconded by Melissa. All in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

New Business

- John reported that West End Beach will open June 24 and close August 18. It will be open June 25th and 26th as well as July 4th and 5th. There will be a \$15 charge for parking for non-residents on weekends and July 4-5, beginning on June 29th. The beach is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but will be reevaluated if the weather is extremely hot. All lifeguards have been recertified.
- The Summer Recreation Program will begin on July 1st at Church Street Park from 9 AM-3 PM and at the Recreation Center from 9 AM-4:30 PM. The park and the Rec Center will be closed Juneteenth and July 4th and 5th.
- The Recreation Department received 3 AEDs from the Police Department through a grant. We had one at the center. One of the new ones will be placed at Church Street Park, one at West End Beach and the other will go upstairs at the Rec Center. There will be a training class for staff for both CPR and AED on June 22nd and all staff should be trained before the summer is over.
- The Food Truck and Fireworks Festival will be July 3rd at Riverside Park. Approximately 30 trucks will take part. Bands have been lined up along with local talent. Fireworks will go off at approximately 9:30PM. Volunteers will be needed for two shifts 4:30-7PM and 7-9PM for the entrance gate and parking. The Police Department will have a tent set up for assistance.

- John reported that work has begun at Veteran’s Park and hopefully be completed before the Italian Festival on August 17th. An upgraded PA system is being installed and chemicals have been ordered to clean the monuments.]
- John stated that the Police Department received a grant and will install a camera at West End Beach in the near future.
- John reported that there are still tickets left for both planned field trips to NY for the Circle Line Cruise trip and the Mets game.
- John is looking into a SWIMS grant for a Pass-Through Splash Pad and will travel to Newburgh tomorrow with the mayor and the director of Public Works to check out the specifics of the project. Newburgh has 2 pass through splash pads already
- John reported that the Police Department is hosting a Jump Out Program on June 21st at Church Street Park from 3-5PM. There will be various games and activities along with hot dogs and drinks. City Rec will help out.
- John reported that through an Orange County Legislative grant, assisted by Mike Ward, various campground supplies totaling \$4825 were requested.
- The Downtown Revitalization Initiative will come about through the state and as such will take time to get started. It probably won’t start soon. 2025 or 2026 may be the earliest that we see “shovels in the ground”.
- Youth Center update-on all half days of school in June-14th, 20th, 21st, 24th and 25th , the Rec Center will be open from 12-5:30PM. On June 26th, it will be open from 11-3:30PM. It will close for June 28th and 29th. The yearly attendance to date is 2,766 with 95 unduplicated.

Old Business

- John reported that the PJMS Field Day scheduled for June 6th at Riverside was cancelled but Candy Cane Nursery School graduation took place there on June 7th.
- ACT (Actor’s Community Theater) which practices at the Rec Center will perform Shakespeare in the Park on July 27th and 28th at Riverside Park. They will perform Alice in Wonderland upstairs at the Rec Center on August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.
- John reported that he still intends to research a Key Fob system for the dog yard.
- John reported that Extreme Cheer who is practicing at Riverside Park this summer and has practiced at Riverside in the past, will have an event on June 22nd and 27th where they will accept used sports equipment to distribute to those in need.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 was made by Sean and seconded by Melissa. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday
August 14, 2024, at 6:15PM