

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
6:15pm

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:15pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Debbie Cunningham
Austin Wilson, Vice Chair	Brandy Figueroa
Sean Addy	Melissa Newhauser

Absent: Cory Puopolo, Chairman, Dawn Jones. Colin O'Connel Liaison, Madison Dobbs, Youth Member, Alphonso Jones, Youth Member

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Report and Minutes of November 2025 meeting and End of the Year Report:

A motion to approve the minutes and report for November 2025 and the End of the Year Report 2025 was made by Debbie and seconded by Sean. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

Executive Session:

None

New Business:

John reviewed the 2026 Special Events Calendar. John is looking for volunteers to help at the Easter Candy Dash as he will not be able to be there. The registration site for the Delaware River Run is up and running.

John gave a facilities update. He is looking into having the floors on the second floor refurbished. He is looking for recommendations and will need quotes. He would also like to have the front of the building cleaned and painted and he is going to really push for the renovating the lower level of Church St. Park.

The Youth Center will be closed on 1/19. The Youth Center will be closed on snow days and early dismissals. The schools have been notified.

The Recreation Department will be hosting a Culinary Camp this summer. It will be a 5-hour per day, weeklong camp that will culminate in a luncheon for family members. The camp will be open to children ages 12-13 and it will have a small enrollment for the students to learn in a more intensive setting.

Old Business:

87 people completed the Polar Plunge while 125 spectators looked on. This was the best turnout this event has had. Next year, they will include the Tri State Fire Department Challenge to encourage more participation in a fun way.

John discussed the scoring and denial/decision of the Bricks Grant.

There is no update on the Riverside DRI project.

The Youth Center has started their new year. 190 children have attended the Youth Center since the start of January. 38 participants are unduplicated. John and Youth Center staff are doing a fun Superbowl "Pool" with the kids and they will celebrate the Superbowl with a tail gate themed party the Friday before the Superbowl on February 6.

Youth Report:

None

Public Comment:

None

Next Meeting- Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6: 15 pm at the Youth Center

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 was made by Austin and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2