

**Recreation Commission
Wednesday, August, 2023
6:00pm**

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Cory Puopolo, Vice Chair
Brandy Figueruoa, Chairperson	Sean Addy
Stan Buczek	Debbie Cunningham
Noeleen Casey Tomasi	

Absent: Dawn Jones, Melissa Newhauser, Liaison, Ivan Figueroa, Youth Member

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Reports from June and July 2023 and Minutes from June 2023 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes and report from June and the report from July was made by Sean and seconded by Brandy. No minutes in July- no meeting. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Executive Session:

None

New Business:

The Summer Program will be wrapping up this Friday, August 11th. The Youth Center will extend its hours one more week and be open Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm. Field Day was held at Church Street on Wednesday and the Youth Center hosted an indoor "rodeo" on Wednesday as well. Due to the attendance at the parks John is looking to make some changes for the program in 2024. John is going to reach out to Recreation Departments in the Hudson Valley to see how their programs have been attended and what changes may be implemented. Summer lunch ends on 8/10. The Youth Center will open 11 am- 3 pm the weeks of August 21 and August 28. It will be closed 9/1-9/6 and will reopen on 9/7- 3 pm- 6 pm the first day of school for students.

John made a recommendation to hire Shai Rey Pringle as a substitute Youth Center Leader and Megan Nason as a substitute Senior Youth Center Leader. A motion to approve Shai and Megan was made by Corey and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

New toilets were put in at West End Beach and are working well. Parking fees are an estimated \$1,000 each weekend. The paving and curbing project should be started this fall. Will keep everyone updated.

The Armonia Band was scheduled to play at Riverside Park on August 8 but had to cancel due to weather. It is possible that they will be rescheduled. Braeden Ross will be playing on 8/15 at Riverside. The last outdoor movie night is scheduled for 8/23.

Italian Night at Veteran's Park is scheduled for 8/12 3pm-9pm.

PJLL will be using the Riverside Park Softball Field for a fundraiser on 8/12 at 1 pm.

36 people will be heading to see the Mets on 8/11. This will be a jersey giveaway and fireworks game.

Ideas for Fall and Winter trips are being explored- A trip to Jim Thorpe for the day and a casino trip are possibilities. There will be a Jets game on 9/24 and a Devils game on 1/6/24.

John completed an Orange County Legislators grant application and will be notified if it is granted. He applied that money be spent for newer garbage cans, new bike racks, custom tents and decoys to deter the geese at the beach.

The next DRI meeting will be held at the high school on 8/29 at 6pm and the LPC will meet on 8/31 at 6pm at the high school. John reviewed the estimated budget to be spent on Riverside Park as part of this project.

Old Business:

The Food Truck Festival and Firework Show was a huge success. The committee has already met to discuss the positives and changes needed for next year. The vendors were very pleased. The 2nd Food Truck Festival is scheduled for 7/3/24.

John would like a new Youth Member to be in place by the Fall.

Kenny Conklin- Youth Center cleaner is resigning but will stay on until John finds a replacement.

John gave the Youth Center update.

Youth Report:

None

Public Comment:

None

**Next Meeting- Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at
6: 00 pm at the Youth Center**

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm was made by Stan and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

