

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
6:15pm

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:15pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:22pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Dawn Jones
Austin Wilson, Vice Chair	Brandy Figueroa
Alphonso Jones, Youth Member	Debbie Cunningham

Absent: Cory Puopolo, Chairperson, Colin O’Connel, Liaison, Melissa Newhauser, Sean Addy, Madison Dobbs, Youth Member

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Report and Minutes of January 2026 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes and report for January was made by Brandy and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Executive Session:

None

New Business:

John has been contacted by Amanda Zgroddek, a supervisor from Beautiful People, to discuss the opportunities that this program can bring to Port Jervis when partnered with the Recreation Department. This program promotes all inclusive recreational activities across a variety of sports. They provide the equipment and the supervision as we as the volunteers.

The city’s attorney created a facility use agreement for ACT. ACT will be responsible for paying \$50/mo. For storage fees and \$100/mo. for a usage fee to be paid at the end of each quarter. ACT has agreed to the terms.

Orange County Department of Health Intervention Services will be donating supportive and inclusive equipment to the Recreation Department/Youth/Community Center. John will keep everyone updated as the status of this donation progresses.

The Rec Room will be closed 2/16-2/20 for Winter Break.

The Candy Dash will be 4/4 at 11am at Church St. Volunteers will be needed to step in. John will not be at this event.

The Spring Clean Up is scheduled for 4/11 at Veteran's Park at 10am. Volunteers are needed. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get community service hours.

There will be a Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun in Wilkes Barre is 4/18. Dawn will be going as the group leader. Bus will leave Port at 9am and leave the casino at 4pm. It will be a 30-passenger bus.

The 32nd Delaware River Run is scheduled for 5/3/26. Updates to come.

John is applying for a \$4,999 grant to assist with the Food Truck Festival and Firework Show.

Old Business:

John has sent a letter to Senator Skoufis requesting assistance with funding towards the renovations at Church St. Park. Senator Skoufis has asked for quotes for this project. John will keep everyone updated.

John got a quote to refinish or clean and coat the second floor of the Youth Center from Jamie Fedorick.

The Rec Room total attendance is 727. The unduplicated total is 45.

John has asked that the Recreation Commission also serve as the Recreation Committee for DRI Riverside Project. A representative from the state will be at the March meeting and John would like everyone to be in attendance. He gave the commission a handout that listed proposed projects for Riverside and asked that the commission members look it over and see if there are other projects that may be better suited for the area and can replace current projects that are listed on the handout.

Youth Report:

Alphonso gave the report which included senior night for Girl's Basketball, Boys' Varsity Wrestling placed 4th at Team States, many athletes placed at Sections for Indoor Track, Junior Semi Formal is coming up, and Boys' Basketball is headed to the playoffs.

Public Comment:

None

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

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 was made by Austin and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Director of Recreation Report
February 2026

Youth/Community Center

Rec Room

Attendance at the Youth Center for February was 383 students. Most of the children that come use the school bus to transport them here directly from school. Our homework help is utilized each day. Total attendance since January 1st is 913.

Special events for 2026 include the following:

- Easter Candy Dash for children ages 9 and under also at Church St. Park on Saturday April 4th at 11 am
- Spring Clean-up at Veterans on Saturday April 11th at 10 am. Volunteers are needed.
- 32nd Delaware River 5K Run at Riverside Park on Sunday May 3rd at 9 am. Online Registration for this race is open now at [Runsignup.com](https://www.runsignup.com).
- 3rd Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness on May 30th – May 31st 6:00pm-6:00am at Elks Brox Park.
- 4th Food Truck and Firework Show on July 2nd at 5:00pm at Riverside Park.
- Stone Challenge Adventure Series on September 26th all day at Elks Brox Paark.
- 2nd Big Orange 10 Mile and 10K Road Race on October 18th at 8:00am at the Port Jervis High School.
- 78th Annual Halloween Parade on October 24th at 3:30pm at Farnum Park
- Fall Clean Up on November 7th at 10am at Veteran's Park.

Field Trips (to date) include the following:

- Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun on April 18th. Bus leaves Port Jervis at 9am. This trip is already SOLD OUT.

- NY Mets Baseball Game on July 31st at 3:30pm at Citi Field.

Parks

Elks-Brox Park vehicle entrance is still closed for the season. We will look to reopen Pt. Peter as the weather becomes nicer and we have more daylight. People are still able to hike or bike in Elks-Brox- only the road is closed to vehicular traffic.

Summer Recreation

We are beginning to work on the 2026 Summer Program. We are reaching out to last year's staff, working on events and programs, and working on a schedule. More information to come in March.

FYI

- A state representative for the Riverside Park DRI project will be attending the March Recreation Commission meeting to discuss this much anticipated project

- Dr. John Bell, Superintendent of Port Jervis School District will be assisting the Recreation Commission as part of the Riverside Park DRI project
- Update on Church St. Park renovation to come in March 2026.

NEXT MEETING:
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