

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
7:00pm

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Stan Buczek
Brandy Figueroa, Chairman	Dawn Jones
Melissa Newhauser, Liaison	Cory Puopolo, Vice-Chair
Sean Addy	Noleen Casey Tomasi
Rachel Duryea, Youth Member	Ivan Figeruoa, Youth Member

Absent: Debbie Cunningham

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Report and Minutes from August 2022 meeting and reports from September and October:

A motion to approve the minutes and report from August and the reports from September and October was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen. No minutes from September or October as we did not have a quorum. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Executive Session:

None

New Business:

John welcomed Sean Addy to the Recreation Commission. Sean was appointed to fill Conrad Savoury's position. Conrad relocated. Sean will finish Conrad's term in 2028.

John recommended that the Commission accept the resignation of the Youth Center cleaner, Bob Sayer effective 11/30. John recommended Ken Conklin to be appointed as the new cleaner on 11/21. A motion to approve Bob's resignation and Ken's appointment was made by Brandy and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The 2023 Recreation Budget was submitted and at this moment Melissa stated that the budget is still intact as it was when it was submitted.

Maintenance staff has begun to winterize the parks and playgrounds. This should be completed by Thanksgiving.

The Youth Center will be open 11:30-4:30 11/21 and 11/22 and will be closed 11/23-11/25. Teen Night will be held on 11/18 from 6-9.

John will be attending the Volunteer Fair at the PJHS on 11/18. He will be there to explain what volunteer opportunities are available to the students.

The Youth Center will be serving as a toy box drop. All of the donated toys will be given to the Elks to provide to the youth in our community. Toys can be dropped off from 11/28-12/18. Anything after the 18th will be donated to the Salvation Army.

John has reached out to Tim Simmons regarding the Polar Plunge and will keep everyone updated as the planning progresses.

John recommended the rehiring of Tonya Brace to be the Winter Busy Body Instructor. A motion to approve the hiring of Tonya Brace was made by Brandy and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

John showed the commission the new playground and parks signs donated by POWR.

Changing the day of the monthly meeting was discussed and it was agreed upon that the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15pm would work best for everyone. A motion to approve the change in the date of the monthly meeting was made by Stan and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

John will contact the mayor and the council to make them aware of the change.

John gave the attendance status for the Recreation Room at the Youth Center. Attendance is steady. Teen Night attendance is slow but could be a result of fall sports and schedules. John is hoping that the winter months bring in more teens.

Recreation Commission elections were held. Brandy Figueroa was nominated to be the Chairperson. A motion to approve her as Chairperson was made by Noleen and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Cory Puopolo was nominated as the Vice-Chairperson. A motion to approve the nomination of Cory was made by Brandy and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Old Business:

Over 200 people participated in the 74th Halloween Parade. Shop Rite donated all of the refreshments. The Elks donated candy and prizes and Fort Knox donated candy bags. The Trunk or Treat at Riverside Park followed the parade and made the day very festive and fun.

The Fall Clean Up was held on 11/5 at Veteran's Park. It was a great turnout and the work was done very quickly.

Little Chefs ended on 11/5. 6 kids finished the class and had a great experience.

The Stone Challenge was held on 11/13. This event went very well.

The NJ Devils game scheduled for 1/7 is sold out.

Youth Report:

Rachel and Ivan gave a brief report about school and sports events.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:15 pm**