

**Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**  
**7:00pm**

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Stan Buczek
Brandy Figueroa, Chairman	Dawn Jones
Melissa Newhauser, Liaison	Debbie Cunningham
Rachel Duryea- Youth Member	Noleen Tomasi

Absent: Corey Puopolo, Conrad Savoury, Ivan Figueroa, Youth Member

**Public Comment:**

None

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Approval of Report and Minutes from June 2022 and report from July 2022:**

A motion to approve the minutes and report from June and July report was made by Stan and Dawn seconded. All those in favor:

Aye: 5      Nay: 0      Absent: 2

**Executive Session:**

None

**New Business:**

John reviewed the Summer Program. Overall, the summer was a success with one of the best staff that he has worked with. He would like to thank them all for their support and dedication to the job.

John reviewed the numbers for the parks and Youth Center. Church T had a total attendance of 393. Riverside had a total attendance of 263 and the Youth Center's total attendance was 345.

West End Beach had a busy full 7 weeks. Parking fees neared \$7,000. The lifeguards and beach attendants faced many challenges this summer but handled them professionally. Rules were distributed to beachgoers in English and Spanish. John has sent email reminders to the Chief of Police and to the Mayor to remind them that the beach will be closing on 8/14 and that swimming is prohibited. Police patrolling is suggested.

The Youth Center will be open Monday-Friday 11am-3pm until 8/31. It will be closed 9/1, 9/2, and 9/5 and will reopen for school hours on 9/6. Hours will go back to 3pm-6pm. John is hoping to bring Teen Night back in October. This will be for grades 7-9 and open 6pm-9pm.

There were 4 concerts at Riverside this summer and only one was very well attended. John will reevaluate concerts for next summer and keep everyone updated. The Broome Street Wind Ensemble concerts held at Farnum went very well and were well attended.

Everyone that attended the Mets field trip (37 people) on 8/5 had a great time despite the loss and the heat.

The fireworks on 7/1 went well and there are already plans for another show in 2023.

Field day was held at Riverside Park on 8/10. The children that participated enjoyed a day full of games, food, and fun.

John reviewed some upcoming events for the area:

8/20- Back to School Bash at Riverside Park 12pm-2pm

8/20 – Italian Night at Orange Square 4pm-9pm

8/24 – Outdoor Movie in the Park (Riverside Park) 7:30pm. Sing 2 will be playing. First Assembly of God is hosting this event.

9/25- Fall Foliage Festival 10am

10/29 or 10/30 (rain date) – Halloween Parade 3pm

Fall Soccer will be starting again on Wednesdays at West End Beach. John is just waiting for the start date and times from Forward UK Soccer. Insurance is on file.

The Jets field trip scheduled for September is already sold out.

A Devils Vs Rangers hockey game is scheduled for 1/7 and filling fast.

The Rec Department has received funding from a SAM grant to revitalize Orange Square (\$150,000) and pave and curb West End Beach (#250,000) as well as other improvements to West End Beach facilities. We hope to see these projects started in spring to summer 2023.

A tree removal line will be added to the upcoming budget as trees have become an issue over the past few years.

The Z turn mower has been received and will be in use in the Spring. The Kubota Tractor is expected to arrive within the next two months.

**Old Business:**

None

**Youth Report:**

Rachel gave the update.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm was made by Debbie and seconded by Stan. All those in favor:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

**NEXT MEETING:  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
7:00pm**