**Recreation Commission**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**6:15pm**

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:15pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director Dawn Jones

Brandy Figueroa, Chairperson Stan Buczek

Corey Puopolo Sean Addy

Melissa Newhauser, Liaison

Absent: Debbie Cunningham, Noeleen Casey Tomasi, Ivan Figueroa, Youth Member

**Public Comment:**

None

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Approval of Reports and Minutes from September 2023 meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes and report from September was made by Brandy and seconded by Corey. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

**Executive Session**:

None

**New Business:**

Corey is going to speak to Nashaun Campbell to see if he would be interested in becoming a Youth Member on the Recreation Commission.

John asked for volunteers for the Halloween Parade from 3pm-5pm at Farnum. Debbie, Sean, Melissa, Stan, and Ivan will be there. Jill Mason, from the Youth Center, has been making a back drop and preparing a photo booth area for the conclusion of the parade.

Volunteers are needed for Fall Clean up at Veteran’s Park on 11/4 at 10am.

John recommended Janessa Jenkins as a substitute Recreation Youth Center Leader. A motion to approve Janessa was made by Dawn and seconded by Sean. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

West End Beach has been paved and looks great. Stripes will be done on Monday 10/16. John suggested that the parking fees be raised. It will be discussed more in November.

John reviewed the 2 quotes that he received from two companies to do the Church St. project- tennis and basketball courts. The area needs to be addressed very soon. The discussion regarding this project will be ongoing. Sean suggested that we could seek sponsorships from major corporations to help with the cost of the project. John is going to speak to the city’s lawyers to see if this is allowed for a municipality.

Little Chefs will start on 11/4 and run for 5 weeks. 8 students will be the maximum allowed to register. The program will be open to kids ages 10-13. Cost is $50. John will need to advertise.

Devils hockey game is scheduled for 1/6. John will advertise soon.

**Old Business:**

John and Laura have discussed the 2024 Budget and 2024 Capital Budget and are waiting on public hearing dates.

John and the Outdoor Club are planning an endurance trail run in April called Moonlight Madness. It will consist of a 2- 2.5-mile loop in the trails and run from 6pm-6am. Participants can either do it alone or as a team (teams can be no bigger than 3 people). There will be food trucks and some entertainment to pass the time. Proceeds from the race to go to The Outdoor Club of Port Jervis and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

John gave the Youth Center update. The Rec Rom averages 27 kids each day. Elementary play practice has impacted attendance two days each week.

Commission elections will be held at November’s meeting.

**Youth Report:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

Next Meeting- Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at

6: 15 pm at the Youth Center

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 was made by Stan and seconded by Brandy. All those in favor:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2