

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:15pm

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:15pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Debbie Cunningham
Melissa Newhauser, Chairperson	Dawn Jones
Sean Addy, Vice Chair	
Nashaun Campbell, Youth Member	
Ayden Smedley, Youth Member	

Absent: Brandy Figueroa, Cory Puopolo, Stan Buczek

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Minutes from February 2025:

A motion to approve the minutes from February was made by Debbie and seconded by Sean. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Executive Session:

None

New Business:

John gave everyone the 2025 City Events brochure put together by the Tourism Board. He reviewed any errors and made sure the correct information was provided.

The Port Jervis Little League has requested the use of the city's fields for their spring season 3/1-6/5. Forward UK Soccer has requested the use of Riverside for spring soccer starting 4/12 and for summer camp 8/4-8/8. Fearless would like to use the 2nd floor for the Summer Youth Leadership program 7/21-7/25. A motion to approve the use of facilities was made by Melissa and seconded by Sean. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Drew Methodist and the Salvation Army Church will be using Point Peter for their Easter Sunday sunrise service at 7:30 am on April 20, 2025.

Arbor Day will be held on 4/26 at Mother's Park. The time is TBA. They will be planting 2-3 trees.

The Splash Pad location is ready. Waiting for a delivery from the equipment company to install for a July 1st opening. A new pavilion will also be installed next to the Splash Pad.

The bathhouse renovation has started. John gave a description of the new layout.

Swings and tennis nets have been put out at the parks/playgrounds. New signs are going up as well. Picnic tables and additional garbage cans to go out shortly.

John met with a gentleman from the area that is interested in running a youth basketball program in the evenings during the summer. John will need to get more information and research the possibility and will keep everyone posted.

The spring Cleanup is scheduled for 4/12 at 10am at Veteran's Park.

The Easter Candy Dash is scheduled for 4/19 at 11am at the upper level of Church St. Park.

The 31st Delaware River Run is scheduled for May 4th. Student volunteers are needed from 8:15-10:15.

The Midnight Madness Relay Race is scheduled for May 31st and June 1st.

The Food Truck and Fireworks Festival is scheduled for July 3, 2025, at 5 pm at Riverside Park and Elks Brox Park.

John will have a small but appropriate 30th Anniversary celebration for the Youth Center during the summer program. He will keep everyone updated with details.

The beach is scheduled to open 6/27-8/21, and the playgrounds will open 6/30-8/8.

Old Business:

The ACT group will be having shows 5/2-5/4, 6/6-6/8 at the Youth Center

Adult basketball, at PJMS, is going great and will be extended to 5/30.

There are no DRI or Barclay Street Park updates.

John gave the Youth Center update.

Youth Report:

Annie, the musical will be showing this weekend of 3/28- 3/30.

The Senior Class trip is the week of April 1st.

Spring Sports have started.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm was made by Dawn and seconded by Sean. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Next Meeting- Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6:15 at the Youth Center

Director of Recreation Report
March 2025

Spring Cleanup

The Spring Clean Up is scheduled for 4/12 at 10am at Veteran's Park on Pike Street. Volunteers are needed to help us clean up after the winter months.

Easter Candy Dash

The Easter Candy Dash will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 am at the upper level of Church St. Park.

Arbor Day

This year's Arbor Day ceremony will take place on Saturday April 26, 2025, at Mother's Park on Church St. and Hammond St. Time of ceremony TBA soon.

31st Delaware River Run

The 31st Delaware River 5K Run and Walk is scheduled for Sunday May 4th at 9 am at Riverside Park. 31 years of running! As always, we need "all hands-on deck" this day to assist with race day work. Please be at Riverside Park by 7 am. More information can be found at: [31st Annual Delaware River 5k Run/Walk \(runsignup.com\)](https://www.runsignup.com)

Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness Relay

The Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness Relay- sponsored by the OCOPJ and Rec. Dept. will be held at Ells-Brox Park May31st- June1st. This 12-hour, 3.1-mile loop relay will help raise money for the OCOPJ and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The relay starts at 6 pm on May 31st and continues throughout the night and ends at 6 am June1st. For more information check out www.pjmidnightmadness.com.

Parks and Playgrounds

Our maintenance staff has been busy reopening parks and playgrounds after the winter season. Swings are up, tennis nets are up, new basketball nets are up, picnic tables are out, and we have added more garbage cans as well.

We have also replenished safety surfacing under our playground equipment.

If you see anything that we need to address, please let us know.

Splash Pad at Church St. Park

We are excited to announce that the splash pad has been ordered and over the next couple of months it will be installed along with a new pavilion! We are hoping to have a grand opening by July 1, 2025. Thank you to our DPW staff for all their hard work on this important project.

West End Beach Bathhouse

Renovations have begun at the bathhouse. This project will be completed by the time we open the beach for the season this summer. Thank you to our DPW staff for all their hard work on this important project.

Youth Center

The Youth Center has been steady and busy the 1st quarter of the year. Attendance is as follows: Total attendance from January 1- 1233 students. An average of approximately 24 students per day. Staff at the Youth Center have the kids involved in many different activities every wee including- cornhole, decorations, scavenger hunts, bowling and different competitions.

Summer Program

We are currently putting together the 2025 Summer recreation program. I hope to complete the program no later than Memorial Day weekend. Some dates for your calendar:

- West End Beach is scheduled to open June 27.
- The Playground and Summer Youth Center schedule are set to open Monday June 30th.

Special Events

1. Youth Center 30th Anniversary- A celebration will be held this summer at the Youth Center marking this special moment. More details to come in May 2025.
2. The Food Truck and Fireworks Show will be held on July 3, 2025, at Riverside Park at 5 pm. For more information or to pre-order your entrance ticket visit: <https://pjfoodtruckfireworks.org/>.
3. Field trips this summer will include- Liberty Science Center on Friday July 18 and a New York Mets baseball game on Friday August 1. Information on Times and costs of each trip is in the Recreation office.
4. The Big Orange 10-Mile Run is being scheduled for Sunday October 19, 2025. We are partnering with the Orange Runners Club to put on this tremendous event.

Next Meeting- April 30 at 6:15 at the Youth Center.