

Reading Recreation Commission
7:06PM
3rd & Spruce Recreation Center
Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Meeting

The Reading Recreation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:06PM by Christopher Daubert.

Daphne took the roll call of members and then the board performed the Pledge of the Allegiance. There were five of nine board members present and they included Christopher Celmer, Christopher Daubert, Robert Heeber Jr., Donald Taddei Jr. and Brian Twyman. The following board members were absent: Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz, Joseph Kelleher, David MCCoy, Eddie Moran and Luke Schultz. Staff in attendance: Daphne Klahr, Executive Director, and Rebecca Swoyer, Business Manager (recording secretary).

New Business

Daphne reviewed the timetable surrounding the now-defunct Reading 120 bike event. Instead of the Reading 120, the community, comprised of community leaders decided to move forward with two events – both which will benefit the RRC. The first event will be the Mt. Penn Hill Climb in City Park on Friday, September 8th and the second will be the West Reading Criterium held on September 9th in West Reading. Other events to be included in the weekend event include a concert in City Park and the ribbon-cutting on Skyline Drive. This event is being held in cooperation with the City of Reading, West Reading Borough, and Lower Alsace Township. Peter Barbey, Eric Schippers, and Daphne will be leading the fundraising efforts with strong support from Camille Stock. Daphne asked that anyone who is interested in volunteering for the event to let her know.

Brian Twyman asked if RRC could do something to support KTB Athletics. He asked if there was any way they can be acknowledged and possibly be financially supported. Christopher Daubert suggested having them attend a meeting where they can present what they do. A discussion followed regarding this. Daphne commented that the RRC does support Tremayne Jones and his organization along with Reading Youth Athletics. A collaboration will be discussed with Mr. Jones about using available grant monies to fund a fall basketball league at 3rd and Spruce Recreation Center.

Minutes

The April 11, 2017 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the August 8, 2017 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Daphne presented the Treasurer's Report. We did not receive the 2nd quarter payment from the City. Upon further research we were made aware that Joanne Frantz retired in January. Daphne reached out to Don Pottiger who is taking care of getting the payment processed. Daphne stated that the RRC is receiving quite a bit of grant money. For example, John Gilmore payed for an entire playground program at Barbey's playground program. We are looking at doing this with other programs. We have almost 500 kids in the playground programs this summer.

RRC received a grant from the Wyomissing foundation to run a summer basketball league. We had to cancel it because we did not have enough kids sign up but we will be pursuing a fall basketball league.

Daphne reviewed the following reports: Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Balance sheet Previous Month Comparison which compared months March and April and April and May; Administration Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Programs Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Tennis Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Pool Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Income Detail Report and Expense Detail Report. Daphne asked if there were any questions. There being none, Donald Taddei Jr., made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Christopher Celmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

Executive Director's Report

Daphne gave a verbal Executive Director's report for April & May

Highlights:

1. COR Tennis Friday Night Lights dates are July 7, July 21, August 4. Daphne thanked the school district for getting the upgrades completed at Hampden Park.
2. COR Tennis Fundraising Event this year is a multi-event at Schlegel Park Pool. Serve it up for our City COR Tennis Grand Slam Event will be held Saturday, August 26. There will be tennis, basketball, softball, 5K & fun run, swimming, music and food. Daphne asked for the board's opinion of getting a special permit and have a beer/wine tent. A discussion followed where the board denied the request for the beer/wine tent.
3. Larry Zerbe was inducted into Berks County Tennis Hall of Fame. He was recognized at the Hits for Hope Ceremony at Conrad Weiser. Congratulations to Larry!
4. Daphne working with Pat Dolan from Dolan Construction on expanding our food storage space. We are delivering meals to 12 sites this summer. Our food service program needs more refrigerator space. Commissioner Leinbach is on board to assist with the acquisition and construction of a walk-in storage unit to be installed at 3rd and Spruce.
5. Daphne is applying for a grant with Grainger to help improve 11th and Pike. Needs include security cameras, landscaping, locks, and doors. Don noted that RYA is getting a new lock on the storage building at Pike since someone tried to break in.
6. The RRC is assisting with the statewide Greenways and Trails summit which is coming to Reading in September.
7. This year's museum event is Pizza, Paint & Turtles. It will be held at the Reading Public Museum on July 20, 2017. We hope you can all make it.
8. The end of the summer playground lantern parade will be August 3, 2017 at City Park.
9. RRC is offering bus trips to the residents of the City of Reading South of Penn area. We have staff going door to door letting residents know about this opportunity.
10. Painting night at the RRC are rescheduled for the end of summer. We are hosting the event and the Reading Public Museum is running it.
11. The Girls Leadership program expanded to Bethany's Children's home which was provided by the United Way Venture Grant. We are hopefully going to run a program at Reading High in the fall.
12. We are applying for a grant for our Boys Leadership program (Success for Teens).
13. Christopher Celmer spoke about the Reading High tennis program being a feeder program and its success.
14. Christopher Celmer discussed the East Reading Pool. He stated that they are meeting this Thursday and if the intention is to make it a spray garden he would like more concrete information to provide. Daphne stated that the study was done by Wade Associates months

ago and was provided to Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz. She stated that she would send the study to the board members for review.

15. Daphne stated that she feels a perfect place for another public pool would be the old Hillside pool.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Robert Heebner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. Christopher Celmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings:

October Recreation Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00PM, 3rd and Spruce Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Swoyer
Recording Secretary