

**Reading Youth Commission**  
**Agenda**  
**September 2, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Hybrid Council Chambers / Zoom**

The Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and Managing Director on issues pertaining to youth in the City of Reading. The Youth Commission aims to strengthen youth voices within the community and their participation in local government.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://readingpa.zoom.us/j/4192926522?pwd=M0dBTXh6SnNvOHppU1paMm9zUW0xZz09&omn=81945112071>

Meeting ID: 419 292 6522

Passcode: 972205

**CALL TO ORDER** – Five members present constitutes a quorum

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov. Written public comment must be submitted by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. All comments received will be read into the record. Those wishing to make comment at the meeting must also register prior to 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES** – May 6, 2026, June 3, 2026, August 5, 2026

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Shelly

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT** - Jane

**EVENT PLANNING**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Block Party – Sat, Sept 12 at 1 pm Lauer’s Park Elementary School – Face Painting
2. IMAX Theater Movie
3. Small Business Fair

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Creation of Newsletter
2. Meeting with Board of Health
3. Adopt-a-Block
4. Community Knights Club Journey Bags

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Membership Update
- 2.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 6 pm hybridly via Zoom and in Council Chambers

## **ADJOURN**

### Youth Commission Interests

- Mental health issues
- More recreational opportunities
- Youth Homelessness
- Pollution / climate change / environmental issues
- Reducing teen pregnancy rates
- Clean & safe streets
- Racial injustice
- Legislative & Political Process
- Self-expression
- Pride of place
- Alcohol & drug use
- Mentorship program
- School safety
- Gang violence
- Gun violence
- Burnout, anxiety, and depression issues
- Lack of resources
- Phone addiction
- Peer pressure

### Speaker Requests

- Police Chief - police policy review
- MDJ – landlord / tenant issues
- MDJ – property maintenance issues