

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Present: Crystal Adams (Director), Otto Anderson, Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan, Erika Cornelius Smith

Next meeting: December 10, 2018 @ 7:00P (Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room TBD)

Meeting called to order by Director Adams at 7:05PM.

There were no minutes to approve, as we did not have a quorum.

1. Recreation Director Report

Director Adams provided an update on the status of current programs, upcoming programs, past events, and possible future programs to members of the Woodstock Recreation Commission (WRC).

Current Programs: The Adult Co-ed Volleyball group changed the meeting time and location to Woodstock Middle School (WMS) on Tuesday nights, and Adult Co-ed Basketball will meet at WMS Monday nights. The Qigong class started September 5, 2018 and will last for six weeks. At the end of the Qigong program the Director and Commission will evaluate any changes for continuing the class into 2019. The most recent yoga session ended on October 22, 2018 and the new session will last seven weeks (until the end of the year). The Zumba session instructor canceled because of work commitments, so the Zumba offering will be canceled until further notice with a possible restart in January 2019. The Director discussed the success of after-school volleyball at WMS and members of the WRC agreed that it would be worth looking into further expansion or offering of this program through the winter months.

Upcoming Programs: A babysitter training class is scheduled for November 26-27, 2018 and the enrollment is currently full. The Director posted information and enrollment forms for the upcoming Ski Club and Rec Basketball on the Recreation Commission website. Enrollment in these programs is ongoing through December. The planned NYC Bus Trip with Pomfret, CT is full.

Commissioner Anderson provided an update on the planning for Rec Basketball. A K-4 Rec Basketball coordinator is still needed, and there was discussion among the WRC members about how to best communicate the differences between K-4th grade (skills driven) and 5th grade+ (opportunities for competitive play with other communities) Rec Basketball programs.

Past Events: The Director reported on interest and participation in fall yoga, fall Zumba, Qigong, and the October babysitting class. There was also discussion on the enrollment and participation in fall Squirt Soccer.

Possible Programs: The Director proposed for discussion new program offerings for youth and adults that include – after school Italian language, culture, and cooking lessons, life skills courses, running clubs; future partnerships with neighboring communities to offer bus trips, and the development of walking trails near WMS. The Director and Commission will continue to develop these ideas for 2019, with the exception of the walking trails (due to noted drainage issues in the grounds surrounding WMS).

Director Adams provided an update on her conversations with representatives from WMS and Woodstock Academy to bring improvements to the tennis courts behind WMS.

WRC Officers: The Commission discussed the roles of officers, specifically Chairperson and Secretary, going forward. Erika Cornelius Smith was nominated as Secretary and Sarah Bentley was nominated as Chairperson. Both officers were elected unanimously by the WRC.

2. Discussion

WRC members discussed how to utilize social media for targeted promotion and information about Rec events. This includes the possible use of not only the Facebook group but also targeted Facebook advertisements. Commissioner Bentley volunteered to work with Director Adams in researching this opportunity further.

WRC members discussed creating some form of formal assessment for programs offered through Rec. This includes gathering data on the levels of participation and satisfaction with programs, their financial viability, and generating new ideas for future offerings. Commissioner Smith volunteered to work with Director Adams in developing a form to use for future events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, November 14, 2018.