

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2019

Present: Crystal Adams (Director), Otto Anderson, Sarah Bentley, Marie Chamberlin, Erika Cornelius Smith

Absent: Amy Monahan

Next meeting: June 10, 2019 @ 7:00P (Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room C)

Meeting called to order by Director Adams at 7:04PM.

Minutes from April 8, 2019 meeting approved with minor revisions.

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 Spring Yoga program has a full class (16 registrations).

Recreational adult basketball, volleyball, HIITS, and Senior Fitness are continuing.

WRECK at WMS is currently in Session II.

Kids Yoga at Woodstock Elementary School (WES) had 12 students enrolled for Session I and 9 students enrolled for Session II. Given the positive feedback and interest in the program, a 4-week session will run at WMS in May.

Squirt Soccer has 32 participants and the Director continues to recruit parent volunteers to help coordinate teams. If offered again in Spring 2020, the WRC will avoid starting the program on the same day as the "Jog with Judy" event (congestion, conflicts with participation, etc.).

Upcoming Programs:

Planning for the Memorial Day weekend Road Race (May 27th) is underway, and the WRC is using targeted Facebook ads, online forums, and print media to share information for interested participants. Members of the WRC will volunteer to help sign-in participants that morning (Field House, Academy Gym, 7:30A).

The Town Wide Tag Sale will be held on June 8th with a rain date of Sunday, June 9th.

Summer Concert planning continues. The first concert on June 7th will be a Woodstock showcase night, including local school jazz bands and the Woodstock Rail Line. The July 12th concert will feature Strange Alliance and the early August concert will feature the 18-piece Al Fenton Band.

A Bronx Zoo Bus trip will be offered on June 22nd and the price includes zoo shuttles and monorail. Registration for the trip is more than half-full at this point. The Director will post a Facebook ad in the coming weeks to promote the event.

Plans for offering a summer babysitting class are currently postponed.

BUTI Yoga will not be offered.

Past Events:

Spring Yoga, Kids Yoga Session II (WES), Italian classes, Quilting, WRECK Session I (WMS), Fitness Boot Camp, and the April Babysitting class have all concluded or will conclude shortly.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 13th @ 1:00PM and the WRC received positive feedback on the event. There were several entries for the "Peeps Diorama" contest. Next year, the Director will ask participants to bring their dioramas earlier for display before the event begins.

The Earth Day Clean-up event from April 27th (8A-12P) was a success and received support from diverse community groups (families, businesses, civic groups). The Last Green Valley grant was used to purchase pickers, bags, vests, gloves, and other supplies needed for clean-up. The Director used a large map to track clean up progress and participation was promoted through social media. Roseland Park served as the check-in site for registration and some refreshments were provided. The Director will finalize a report for the Last Green Valley.

Possible Programs:

The Director proposed for discussion new program offerings for youth that include – a summer tennis camp, summer basketball camp, LEGO as an after school program or summer program, kids yoga classes. Discussion on these programs will continue as the current Director phases out and a new Director of WRC assumes that role.

2. Discussion and Citizen Comments

Storms have damaged areas of the Woodstock Arboretum, including a wooden footbridge. The Woodstock Arboretum approached the WRC Director about using a portion of WRC's budget to support the rebuilding of the footbridge (50% of costs). The members of the commission expressed support for reinvesting community funds in this type of community project.

This request also engendered a discussion among members of the WRC about the current balance of the WRC budget, the use of funds from the WRC budget, and the process of reviewing the WRC budget. The WRC discussed creating a process to review the WRC budget with the Director at upcoming meetings. This would allow the WRC to better evaluate program funding and program effectiveness, and allow members to make informed decisions on requests for support (such as the one posted by the Woodstock Arboretum).

Sarah Bentley motioned to approve Woodstock Recreation funds for the repair and rehabilitation of the footbridge at the Woodstock Arboretum. Otto Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously among the members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56P.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, May 16, 2019.