

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2019 (Woodstock Town Hall, Room C)

Present: Crystal Adams (Director), Marie Chamberlin, Amy Monahan, and Erika Cornelius Smith

Absent: Otto Anderson, Sarah Bentley

Next meeting: TBD (Fall 2019)

Meeting called to order by Director Adams at 7:02PM.

Minutes from May 13, 2019 meeting approved without 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:

Recreational adult basketball and volleyball ended for the season.

Squirt Soccer recently ended. The program was able to run on all scheduled dates and there were approx. 33 children who participated in the program, up from the fall offering.

WRECK at WMS ended Session II. The committee discussed the possibility of offering a similar program at WES next year.

HIITS is ongoing – currently mid-session.

Upcoming Programs:

Information on upcoming summer tennis, summer volleyball, and pre-season volleyball was distributed through the school communication systems.

Summer Concert series is underway. The first concert on June 7th was a Woodstock showcase night, including local school jazz bands and the Woodstock Rail Line. Over 300 people attended. The next concert will be on July 12th and feature Strange Alliance.

The Bronx Zoo Bus trip will be offered on June 22nd and the price includes zoo shuttles and monorail. 51 tickets (of 55 available seats) are claimed.

Summer II Yoga dates are TBD but will likely be offered for the end of July. The committee also discussed the possibility of offering a beginner yoga with Dawn in the future.

Past Events:

The Memorial Day weekend Road Race (May 27th) is finished. The Director thanked the members of the committee for their help in volunteering that morning. Although the WRC used targeted Facebook ads, online forums, and print media to share information for interested participants, registration was slightly down this year. Some attendees suggested there was more competition over the weekend as more towns offered similar race opportunities. The Director proposed (and volunteered to help organize) a 5K race in conjunction with next year's 10K race for the 40th anniversary. The committee discussed several possible safe routes and ways to engage more community members in the event, possibly by promoting to those who participate in the "Jog with Judy" event earlier in May. The registration window and opportunity to receive a t-shirt will also be extended until closer to the race date, approximately 2-3 weeks in advance to give the printer time to make shirts.

The Town Wide Tag Sale was held on June 8th with 38 locations participating. This is a 20% increase from the prior year (32 locations in 2018). Portions of the proceeds will be donated to Woodstock Fuel Assistance.

Senior fitness programs are facing significant competition from other local initiatives, including the "Silver Sneakers" initiative at the YMCA. The committee discussed possible recreation programs for seniors, including cards, piano and music programs.

Possible Programs:

The Director proposed for discussion new program offerings for youth that include – summer basketball programs, LEGO as an after-school program or summer program, kids yoga classes. Academy space may be available for the basketball program and Marie Chamberlin offered updates on sources of supplies (potentially Caleb Warner) and scheduling for LEGO. Amy Monahan suggested that Victoria Despres, who works at the Academy, is LEGO certified and might be a great resource in developing the program. Discussion of these programs will continue as the current Director phases out and a new Director of WRC assumes that role.

The committee discussed offering a senior stretch and strength class with Melissa Amlaw as instructor. Members discussed opening the class to any interested participants to help support enrollment for the program.

2. Discussion and Citizen Comments

Marie Chamberlin shared information about a holiday program in Grafton that might be an opportunity for Woodstock – a "holidays in Woodstock" town wide celebration. Activities could be offered at locations throughout the town, both in recreational areas and in conjunction with small businesses. Examples could include small crafts for children, hot chocolate and/or a visit with Santa Claus at the Roseland Park barn, a tree lighting, story time and crafts at the libraries. Members of the town could obtain a map of the holiday activities from town hall and venture around to the

different activity sites. Members present enthusiastically supported the idea and look forward to further planning.

The committee expressed their appreciation to Director Adams for her enthusiasm, organization, and initiative this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17P.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, June 13, 2019.