

Borough of West Long Branch

Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Debbie Ronan, Chair
Lorraine Strohmerger
Susan Trocchia
Ilene Guzzi
Salina Neuhaus
Larry Mays

Also in Attendance:

Councilwoman Mango
Kristen Gomez- Summer Rec. Asst.
Director
Arianna Minaidis- Summer Rec. Director

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31pm.

- 1. Summer Concerts:** Lorraine reported that the concerts have had a great turnout so far with the August 9th concert drawing over 200 people. She reported that there were a few minor glitches with the electric but councilman Migliaccio corrected the issues. Ilene has been updating the Community Center sign with approaching concert details. The final concert is scheduled for August 23rd with Route 80 performing. The booking agent is willing to accommodate a rain date in the event of inclement weather rather than have the band moved to Shore Regional. Lorraine plans to work with the booking agent for next year as well and hopes to get an early start on scheduling. There are leftover funds from the concert budget that will be used towards Fall Festival.
- 2. Fall Festival:** Debbie is planning on booking a Country band for this year with funds leftover from the summer concert budget. Ilene will book Enzo's and call the Lighthouse for a possible dessert option. There will more details to follow.
- 3. Arianna, Director and Kristen, Assistant Director of the Summer Recreation Camp Program** provided a recap of this year's program. The campers seemed very happy overall and were disappointed for the program to come to an end. There was a bumpy start however that is expected with all of the changes this year. Many of the parents reported that they felt it was more organized and safer for the children. Bussing was costly this year without the use of Shore Regional busses. The two field trips cost a total of \$1,900 for bussing alone. Campers enjoyed the new trip to the Popcorn Park Zoo as well as the themed days. The art program went well with a few paperwork issues in the beginning. Indoor space was limited at FAS. If Shore is unavailable again next year they will look to gain access to more areas. Arianna commended the help from the custodial staff and the technology coordinator at the school when faced with a few issues. On the last day of camp Arianna had a catered lunch provided to all campers and counselors. Next year they plan to go back to themed weeks and would like to give parents a choice upon sign-up of what activities their child would like to participate in. Arianna suggested putting counselors in charge of one particular craft or sport. She also expressed the need of increasing the age for hired counselors, as there were some cooperation and participation issues to be handled. The Counselor-in-training positions will have to be re-evaluated for next year as well. Council and commission members thanked Arianna and Kristen for all of their hard work.
- 4. Other business:** Movie Night is set for September 20th at the Community Center. The movie is still to be determined. Debbie has submitted building usage to FAS for the men's basketball league.

Meeting came to a close at 8:15pm

Submitted by:
Heidi Bahr, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9th at 7:30pm