

Borough of West Long Branch

Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes- October 7, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Debbie Ronan, Chair
Lorraine Strohmenger
Salina Neuhaus

Also in Attendance:

Councilwoman Mango
Carrie Kochman- Resident
Matt Sniffen

Meeting Called to Order at 7:28pm.

1. Recreation Chair, Debbie Ronan began the meeting with our mission statement. She introduced and welcomed Matt Sniffen as a new member to the Recreation Commission. He is to be officially sworn in at the next Borough and Council meeting.
2. Resident Carrie Kochman announced that she has created a flier for the town's first **Lantern Walk** to be held on **November 9th at 4:30pm, Franklin Lake**. The rain date for the event is November 16th. The start time has been pushed back from the original planned time of 4:00pm. Fliers were approved with the school board and will go home to students along with their lantern projects and tea lights. Carrie has ordered the battery operated tea lights and will deliver them to the art teacher, Christina Andreasi at the WLB Schools. Extra lanterns have been purchased to decorate the gazebo. Debbie suggested we ask the Mayor to provide a brief welcome and explanation at the start of the event. Debbie also offered to reach out to shore with a parking request. Carrie will be contacting the High School to inquire for music and a student photographer. Debbie will follow-up with Councilman Cioffi to coordinate lighting, police, parking and EMT. Salina will be creating a Facebook Event for people to RSVP in an effort to assess how many people will be in attendance. The idea of handing out dough balls as representation of breaking bread has been put on hold and will be revisited next year.
3. Debbie provided a **Movie Night** recap. There were about 200 people in attendance. Lorraine commented on how well behaved all the children were and that the movie chosen worked out well and was a perfect time length for the event.
4. **Fall Festival:** Debbie advised that the event fliers would be going out and home to students this week. The banner will be picked up within a few days and the hanging will be coordinated with DPW and Councilman Migliaccio. Debbie has reached out to DPW to coordinate the stage set-up for Tequila Rose to perform. Matt Sniffen will be picking up the 60 corn stalks and they are to be placed Saturday, 10/12 at 3:00pm. Debbie has coordinated Shore Interact members to help. The boro will be picking up the hay bales and pumpkins. Lorraine advised she has been working diligently on the bows for decorating and is finishing coordinating all details with Tequila Rose. The castle and scarecrows will be used again this year to decorate the pumpkin patch. Debbie will follow-up with Eileen to confirm Enzo's food truck. As of now we do not have a dessert option. Members brought several ideas to the table: a kettle corn truck, a traditional ice cream truck or an ice cream sandwich truck. Salina offered to reach out. Debbie is obtaining a price from Aldi for 50 gallons of apple cider. Salina has offered to pick-up the cups and napkins needed for the event. The WLB Sports Association will be providing water. Debbie has also confirmed the following: The inflatables which are sponsored this year by the PBA, S.A.W which will again hold the Pet Parade, craft paper and markers for the pumpkin decorating are in the shed and the 4 portable toilets, one of which will be handicap accessible. There will be no candy corn contest this year.

5. The **Christmas tree lighting** is scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 1st from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Debbie has confirmed the ice rink as a new activity this year and the castle will be set-up again. The West End Dogs trio band was confirmed by Lorraine to play at this year's event. They will likely incorporate some student singers to perform Christmas songs. The band will be set-up in the gazebo. Dan Brouwer will be Santa this year and Larry advised he has the Santa suit.
6. **Other business:** Councilwoman Mango advised that there will be a new sign installed at Woolley Park. She called upon members for input on the new signs location. There is consideration of moving the location more onto the Cedar Ave. side of the park in an effort to provide more visibility. Debbie also mentioned with regards to Woolley Park, the cherry trees along Rt. 71 are in need of removal. Councilwoman Mango suggested we present the concern to the Shade Tree Commission. Councilwoman Mango will also discuss with council on having the tree lighting company hang the holiday lights at Woolley Park in addition to Franklin Lake this year.

Meeting came to a close at 8:24pm

Submitted by:
Heidi Bahr, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, November 12th at 7:30pm