

Borough of West Long Branch
Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes –January 10, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Debbie Ronan, Chair
Lorraine Strohmer
Carrie Sniffen
Sue Trocchia
Alyssa Trocchia
Mary Ellen LoBello
Freddie Migliacio

Also in Attendance:

Councilman Sniffen
Councilman Cioffi

Meeting started at 7:30pm

Mission: Our mission as the Rec. Commission is to provide our community with various activities and events for residents of all ages.

Welcome Councilman Steve Cioffi as our new liaison to council.

Debbie thanked MaryLynn for all of her support and service to the recreation commission over the years that she was out liaison.

Carolina swore in Alyssa Trocchia and Mary Ellen LoBello Welcome to the Recreation Commission.

Events:

Yoga in the Park: Going very well. Now 3 days a week at the Community Center

Christmas decoration removal will be Saturday Jan 15th 7:00am.

Christmas Tree Lighting Recap and Possible changes:

Date Saturday Dec 3, 2022, will shorten timeframe of event to 4-7pm.

We will be adding more lighting to the event. Looking to possibly borrow light towers from neighboring towns for rent them.

Just will need one handicap port-a-john for 2022

Santa placement was good. We would like to have a real Christmas tree next year in the gazebo with Santa. Hoping get it donated and then will plant the tree.

Stage placement was good and we were happy with Gary and the singing

Very happy with the ice skating rink and having the DJ over by skating rink

We would like to add another bouncy house or and other activity- gingerbread contest, Ugly sweater contest, snowball throwing, corn hole, antler toss.

Refreshments and cookies: Cookies were great and we had enough. We have a lot of hot chocolate left over. Thinking about getting insulated coolers to pre-make the hot chocolate so we do not have make on site.

Horse/Firetruck was great and will be back next year. We just need to make the horse ramp more secure and paint it black. Need to get more garland for the horse walkway and make sure Santa gets off closer to the Gazebo.

DJ was good and nice to have near skating rink and before Gary started singing.

Volunteers were really great and will use the students again.

Need a new sign to put up at Franklin Lake

Decorating the town will be discussed at a later date

Fire pits were good and people used them.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt: April 16, 2022

Carrie Sniffen will be chairing the event. The Oriental trading order is ready to go.

We would like to have a train this year, party perfect.

We will not have any poster contest this year, instead we will ask the girl scouts to make posters as a community service

There will be no raffle per grade level this year

Refreshment will be individually wrapped muffins and water.

Start time will be 10:30am, plan to have it at Franklin Lake and have it at the community center if it rains- need to see if a date is available.

We will have student volunteers

Will provide plastic postal goodie bags for Easter egg hunt.

Jelly bean contest again with the 3 different grade levels- Pre-K-K, 1-2, 3-4

Adjourned 8:30pm

By; Paulette Barham

Secretary of Rec. Commission