

# Borough of West Long Branch

## Recreation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### Members in Attendance:

Joe DeLeonardo, Chair  
Debbie Ronan  
Lorraine Strohenger  
Susan Trocchia  
Salina Neuhaus  
Ilene Guzzi  
Carrie Sniffen

#### Also in Attendance:

Chris Neyhart, Councilman  
Lori Cole, Borough Clerk

Meeting Called to Order at 7:34pm.

1. The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was again a huge success this year with over 500 people in attendance. Notes from Debbie to consider next year: -Bunny costume needs to be sewed. -No need to order baskets supplies, bags or crafts. -Increase amount of eggs for Pre-K/K & 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, Decrease amount of eggs for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. For next year we will also consider the arrangement for confirming delivery of the portable toilet in the event that the borough office may closed due to the holiday.
2. Councilman Chris Neyhart shared this year's **Fishing Derby** is set for June 9<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. The event will be set-up in the same area as last year. Registration opens at 9:00am. The derby will run from 9:30am-11:30am followed by refreshments and judging at 11:30. Lastly, prizes and trophies to be given out at 12:00pm. Donations by the WLB Police Department, Local PBA and a few local businesses are helping contribute to prizes, refreshments and supplies. Volunteers will be needed at 8am and extra volunteers are needed for registration. It was also noted that the DPW will need to provide extra trash bins for the event; to be placed throughout the event area. A portable sign will be placed at the lake and both schools and the Community Center will be asked to display the event on their signs. Debbie will make the flier and Salina has offered to make copies that will go home through the schools. At least 3-4 tents will be needed for registration, bait, refreshments and the prizes/trophies. Tables will be needed from the storage building. Generic trophies will be ordered as they were last year.
3. **Summer Recreation** begins June 25<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no camp on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Right now we have 11 counselors.
4. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks**- West End Dogs will be playing this year. Flags will be ordered soon. The AC unit in the trailer will have to be checked for proper functioning prior to this event and the summer concert series.
5. This year's **Summer Concert Series** line-up: 7/13- Friend Zone, 7/27- Lights Out, 8/3- The 80' Show, 8/10- Tequila Rose and 8/24- Not yet confirmed, possibly Jersey Jukebox.

6. **Movie Night** at the Community Center on course 9/21. Movie to be determined.
7. **Fields** are being maintained nicely for the sports season. Michael Thorne baseball field may need some attention. Coaches traditionally perform minor raking of the ball fields when needed.
8. Debbie advised that the West Long Branch Sports Association has generously given the Recreation Commission their storage shed located at Valenzano's. We will consider moving the storage of all tables and chairs to this new storage unit.
9. **Fall Fest** is on for October 21<sup>st</sup> but we will be checking with surrounding towns to be sure this date will not conflict with their fall events. Enzo's food truck will be returning. Ilene will check with Hoffman's Ice Cream to possibly set-up their truck at the event. Salina questioned if we can charge vendors a bit more but it was confirmed that the permits for vendors must be submitted through the borough and the Recreation Commission would not make any income. Salina also brought up possibly having a sectioned-off and regulated beer garden. It was mentioned that a permit from the state would be needed and we may need an ordinance for consumption in the park. Salina will speak with Shrewsbury to find out the process, as they have successfully done this at their event last year. We would like to partner with the Community Center to have them sponsor and help run the beer garden. It will be a great way to help support them. This idea will be presented to them at their next meeting in two weeks. Salina also mentioned the option of having the local Long Branch brewery organize and run the beer garden, therefor they would take care of all the necessary details.
10. We are considering sponsoring a Bingo Night at the Community Center. A permit/license will have to be obtained from the state. We could charge per playing board and profits would be split between the Community Center and as use for the prizes. It could be a fun community event and help to support the Community Center.

Meeting came to a close at 8:37pm

Submitted by:  
Heidi Bahr, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm