

West Seneca Community Center
1300 Union Rd
West Seneca, NY

Youth and Recreation Commission
Minutes - DRAFT
August 17, 2022

Roll Call:

- I. Call to Order at 6:02 pm
- II. Roll Call
Present:
Brian Adams, Carrie Brown, Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Carol Jarczyk, Kellie Kostek, Meichle Latham, Lauren Masset, Alissa Straus, Tammy Sugrue
Dominic Casio - excused
- III. Approve minutes from July 6 and August 10 meetings
Kellie Kostek - motion; Carrie Brown - 2nd
- V. Old Business
 - A. National Night Out
 - Good we had candy
 - Clipboard would've been useful to take surveys away from table
 - Good conversation with some residents
 - B. Farmer's Market - Sept 15, set up at 3:30 until 7:00
 - Carol and Carrie set up until 5:00; Kellie 5:00-7:00
 - Carol will bring a tablecloth, surveys and the sign
 - Carrie will bring clipboards
 - C. Playground
 - We like the revisions, school district colors bring sense of community
 - Will present at August 29th board meeting
 - Brian will do write up for board
 - Parkitects will present
 - D. Pool
 - Closing the pool had been discussed at board meetings starting in April
 - Improved communication may have been helpful
 - Less lifeguards is not an option. Guidelines outside of the town's control
 - There will be hurdles with repurposing as well as with keeping
 - Ultimately a Town Board decision
 - Moving along now allows for faster repurposing as it will take time to fill, set, etc

- Swim lessons available through Community Ed and Swim Team
- School district could possibly partner with town to bring Family Swim back
- Will use survey to make recommendation

E. Survey

- The survey will need to be done on the rec dept Google account, this will be done as soon as possible.
- Paper surveys will be input manually by Recreation Commission Members.
- Will get survey up online
- Marrissa offered to have the Recreation Commission be onsite at the WSCSD On Your Way to K Event, the commission agreed to collect surveys at the event.
- The survey will be available at the Farmer's Market on 9-15. This will be the end of taking the survey.
- AS to edit the paper survey to include residency status.

VI. New Business

A. Recreation Department

a. Summer and Fall 2022 programs

- Summer programs for 5-7 and 8-10 yr old age groups were well attended.
- The 11-17 age group had some interest but not as much.
- Full day summer camp did not fill last year so offered half day this year and filled VERY quickly
- Fall programs contingent upon proper staffing levels, jobs are currently posted.
- Staffing must follow Civil Service qualifications which vary by title. These can be found here:
<https://westsenecany.myrec.com/info/news/details.aspx?NewsID=4530>
- Tried using volunteers but it was too unreliable and caused last minute cancellations
- New position for programming. The department used to have more staffing.

b. Budget

- New position being questioned was already approved in a prior budget
- Budget process reviewed

B. Possible event/activity ideas

- Since there is not mcu programming maybe the commission can "put on" a few events
- Will need to contact town attorney for details
- Things mentioned were a winter event, maybe bringing back the Christmas light "contest", town scavenger hunt
- Need to check with other organizations to not overlap
- Much more information and thought needed

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment- 7:35 PM Carrie - motion, Marissa - second

Next meeting is September 21 at 6:00 PM