

West Deptford Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Adam Reid.

John Dunda was sworn in as an At-Large member of the committee.

Nominations were taken for Chairman of the Board. Several people were nominated but declined. Megan Grey was then nominated and approved.

John DiCarlo accepted a position on the executive board.

Amy Leso accepted the position of Secretary of the board.

The meeting was turned over to Megan Gray who took reports from each organization chair in attendance.

Reports:

Little League: Registration is currently open and they are in the process of fundraising. Player evaluations will take place in February and open cage nights will be held. Team drafts will be due by the end of February and practices will begin in March. Opening Day will be held on April 9th.

Soccer: Spring registration is currently in process. Spring opening weekend for games will be the first weekend in March. Spring practices begin mid-February - weather permitting. Season end banquets have been postponed until late spring.

Street Hockey – This is currently the off-season. The teams are practicing for tournaments in February.

Senior Citizens- A Christmas party was held at Auletto's and was attended by 100 people. In March there will be a hoagie sale for the 25th anniversary and luncheon in spring. The group has started taking bus trips to casinos, but the trips are not well attended. Bus trips are open to anyone in West Deptford Township as well as to outsiders as there is a need to fill the bus to make the trips available. Interested persons should call Judy at 856-384-6886 for information.

Miss WD Pageant – The current representatives are participating in community service projects and attending Junior Womens Club upcoming events.

West Deptford Little Theatre – An update on move to Deptford facility was provided. The group will be moving all activities and storage of facilities to the Deptford Community Center on Delsea Drive through a new partnership with Deptford Township. Children from West Deptford will still participate in the group at the same registration rate as Deptford Township children. This is an exciting opportunity for the group to finally have a home for year-long programs.

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Lacrosse – They are currently recruiting and trying to build numbers for the boys program due to players moving to other towns. High equipment cost is an issue for the boys' program. Girls' registration is going well and there are multiple teams and each age levels. They have secured several club sponsorships. Practices will begin in the first two weeks of March at RiverWinds.

West Deptford Events Coordinator: Latiya Holmes reported that the background check process has changed. She read a short report provided by Stephanie Strouse on the process. The cost for the background checks for all volunteers is now being paid for by West Deptford Township. She reminded everyone to send her updates, information, pictures and videos so she can post on township social media sites and include in the email blast. She also requested that each organization submit their web address and contact email for the chairperson to be included on the West Deptford Township website.

Deputy Mayor Reid further explained the reason behind the change in background check systems and noted that he believes that this is a positive change.

Unfinished business from previous meeting:

None

New Business:

None

Good and welfare:

None

A Motion to Adjourn was made by John Dunda and a second was made by Pat Adair. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Leso
WD Recreation Committee Secretary