

Recreation report – September/October 2014

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- The pool season is over and despite a record cool summer for a second year in a row we were profitable (slightly better than last year). Great continued effort by all! The snack bar did not do so well and I have discussed next year's options with the snack bar manager. Changes will be made next year to make the snack bar profitable. I will also work with the new director on this as well. We look to add to that margin next season with the addition of the new splash pad.
- The RFP for the new splash pad should go out by Mid October and construction should begin sometime in November and probably finish in the coming spring. Since the pool will be winterized and water shut off, proper stress testing of the piping will not be done until spring.
- We continue to have park maintenance staff problems and we have to consider both positions for next season open at this time, however that can change. We have hired another worker just for the month of October and he is working out very well. We will be doing a lot of fall work inside and out of the buildings and grounds to help lessen our workload this coming spring. This includes painting, landscaping, etc.
- We will be doing some concrete repair/replacement in the pool area this October. It will be replacement of the picnic table pad that was removed to repair an underground leak and ramp replacement as well as correcting a drainage issue and replacement of about an 8 ft section of concrete pathway. Samson Concrete was the lowest bidder out of 4 contractors.
- There is a small pipe leak inside the pool pump house filter pit. Looks like a small elbow connection. I will contact Bill Whitney to fix it before winterization.
- RJR Engineering should be onsite around the 1st week of November to winterize the pool and out buildings. Washington Borough is paying this expense. If we have a Recreation Director in place by then my expectation is that he/she shadow the workers as they winterize to see if this is something we can do in house.
- The final Recreation budget has been prepared and submitted to the borough manager and I will present it along with the new Director when asked, probably in early Spring.
- I have completed the year end presentation that I will give to Borough Council likely sometime in early December. Hopefully the new director will be in place and can present with me and any

of you are welcome to join as well. We just need to update all of the sports/activity numbers from 2014.

- All preparations for the 5K race have been completed and a big thank you goes to Adam Robinson and Susan Turner for all their help in making this happen. I'm hoping for decent weather and a great turnout. Thank you again for DPW assistance for lacing the barricades and street sweeping the race route.
- I will keep adding chlorine to the pool until we run out or the pool freezes, whichever comes first, to keep the algae levels down.