

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Recreation

Date and Time Wednesday, February 3 2010 at 4:00 PM

Place Village of West Carthage Municipal Building 61 High St, West Carthage NY

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Minutes

RACOG Recreation Committee: Key Point Summary

February 3, 2010

Members of the committee convened at the Town of Wilna Community Room at 4:00 P.M. to review project initiatives and develop next step strategies.

Attendees include: Kathleen Latremore (V/Carthage Trustee), Tom Stewart (T/Champion Councilman), Teri Ellis (Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce), Rebecca Reed (YMCA Program Director), Mike Chevier (Carthage High School Board of Education). Absentee Members include: Rob Peluso (V/West Carthage Trustee) and Marco Franchini (T/Wilna Councilman)

Facilitated by Kathy Amyot, Circuit Rider

Key Points:

- Joseph Agresti, Parent representative for the V/West Carthage resigned from the committee in December 2009 due to increased work demands and scheduling conflicts;
- Rob Peluso was appointed to the committee by the V/West Carthage Board to replace Debi Pierce.
- In the absence of a committee chair, members opted to maintain a less formal structure by not appointing/electing a chair/secretary to the committee;
- Members unanimously preferred meetings be scheduled at 4:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month except for July/August on an as needed basis and rotated from community to community each month.
- Reviewed committee structure and will invite student representation to participate - i.e. high school, elementary. Mike Chevier will request 2 PIG students participate, Rebecca Reed will post flyer at YMCA to recruit parent representation of elementary student.
- Review 2009 RACOG Annual Report for project updates regarding the YMCA Summer Swim Program, Twin Village Swim Pool, Natural Bridge Community Park Initiative, Waterfront Development Projects;
- Attendees agreed to maintain support of the 2010 YMCA Summer Swim Program for residents within the RACOG based upon 2009 participation rates;
- Attendees discussed opening the Twin Village Swim Pool in 2010 and opportunities to enhance recreational use of the outdoor facility.
- Members directed Kathy A. to attain a summary of the "Summer Recreation Report" from the villages of West Carthage/Carthage for the March meeting to identify opportunities for shared service.
- Discussion regarding opportunities for winter recreation program/s activities in the broader Carthage Area - ice skating, cross country skiing, outdoor recreation opportunities for farmer's market site, equipment needs.
- Ongoing efforts to link existing recreation activities/programs with nutritional programs to address wellness issues/concerns;
- Scheduled meeting March 3, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.