

## West Shore Recreation Commission Report

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

As a member of the West Shore Recreation Commission Budget Committee, I attended the budget meeting held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting we reviewed the current financial condition of the WSRC, and planned a budget for the year 2022.

Amazingly, the WSRC has been able to offer programs and activities throughout the covid pandemic, but many programs have had to function at limited capacity or be delayed or cancelled. This has been financially devastating for the Commission. We have made significant cuts in our operating costs and implemented many different ways to “do with less”, but WS Rec finds itself in a similar financial situation to the last quarter of 2020.

We are asking each participating municipality to make the first installment of their 2022 municipal contribution early, to help alleviate the difficulties. This was done at the end of 2020 and really helped out during the “lean winter months”.

In addition, the budget committee reviewed the current per capita rate of \$2.50 per resident and proposed that it be raised to \$3.00 per resident. The \$2.50 rate has been in place since 2014. This increase, based on the 2010 census data would result in an additional expense of approximately \$2,200 for Lemoyne.

This recommendation was brought before the entire Board of Representatives on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was approved by the Board.

We hope that the Borough Council will act with understanding and approve both of these requests.

Respectfully,

John Leverentz