

# WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

**Minutes September 8, 2004**

## **Call to Order**

The meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:43 by Terry Finnegan, Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Erin Czarnecki, Candy DeFillippis, Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, Dawn Higgins, Joe Kresser, Jamie Prendergast and Mike Quinto, Park Director. Absent were Pete Jacobson and Angela Wallace.

## **Correspondence**

A letter from Matt and Gayle Mahoney of the Gravity Skate Shop was received, asking for a transfer of the \$35 fee for Girl's Basketball to be directed toward the \$35 fee for Soccer for their son, Brian. Commission approved the transfer.

A letter was forwarded to the Commission from the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, advising that grant funds were available to purchase recycling containers for municipalities. Rick Feldman, Treasurer, will apply for containers for Boro Park and Pool.

A letter with approximately 40 free tickets to the Somerset Patriots Baseball games on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> were given to the Commission and distributed at Boro Park and the Pool. Acknowledgement with thanks was sent.

## **Audience Participation**

A motion was made by Rick Feldman to open the Public Session of the meeting, seconded by Dawn Higgins. Kay Stasyshan, member of the public, was present and expressed interest in hearing about the progress of the Pavilion at the park, a project sponsored by Kiwanis. However, Mr. Nissan, the builder, scheduled to present a report, did not attend. A motion to close Public Session was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Erin Czarnecki.

## **Park Director's Report**

The final week of the summer season at the Park and Pool went well. On Labor Day the annual cleanup began. The baby pool is done. Mats have been pulled and cleaned, floors cleaned, and freezer items consolidated into one freezer. These frozen items consisted of ice cream, and it was suggested that they be brought to the Vara field dedication on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and given out, rather than keep them over winter in the freezer. The storage rooms at the park will have to be reorganized.

Another underground leak was detected on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and was located under an electric line. The backhoe was brought in, and Link and Son were able to fix the leak.

#### Equipment

The Toro is fixed; the Great Dane is broken and needs repair. Max the pool cleaner needs to be overhauled.

Two lounge chairs need replacement next year.

Mike Quinto and Charlie Ginex will make a list of available pool chemicals which can be used next year.

Employee evaluations are getting done.

Next week the pool should be pumped out. There is a question of how much water should be left in the pool over the winter. Mark Van Deursen will be called in by Mike to advise.

The Recreation Commission expressed appreciation to the Park Director on the appearance of the pool and the professionalism of the staff this year.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The latest Appropriation Account Summary was handed out with a brief overview given.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Nissan, local builder who is responsible for the Pavilion project at the park, was not present to give a progress report. He emailed to Terry the information that he wants to use steel instead of wood for the Pavilion, but it would give a wood look. Kiwanis, sponsor of the project, would have to agree. Illustrations of this wood look would have to be given. The scaffolding that has been left in place is an eyesore and could be dangerous. Kiwanis needs to make a decision if it is to be torn down. Kay Stashysan will present the matter tomorrow to the Kiwanis Club.

A walking path will be constructed from the future pavilion. Advice is needed on how to improve the swale area and design the path. Mr. Miller, Borough Engineer, will be asked for his opinion.

The Year 2000 Master Plan for the Borough exists. However, Phase II is incomplete.

Pool Renovation – Green acres Loan question: If the loan is at 2%, why bond at 5%?

Railroad Avenue Park project: RFP has been sent to four firms.

#### Timer for Lights at Boro Park:

The timer was reset to go ON at 5:00 PM, and go OFF at 9:30 PM. There is still a question of ease of use of the timer by different coaches, and it was suggested a simpler timer without a code might be used. Jamie Prendergast made a proposal to switch to a

new timer that could be put in to simplify turning the lights on and off. Erin seconded, and a vote of 5 to 2 carried the motion. Terry will look into the matter.

Keycards for the equipment room are needed for coaches, especially since the bathroom keys are located in the equipment room. 100 keycards were ordered but were not programmed correctly. The question arose as to who has keycards? Old ones won't work unless reprogrammed. Would gang boxes be useful for holding sports equipment at the fields? Joe will price gang boxes.

#### Thomas Vara Field Dedication

The dedication will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor, will speak, as will Joanne Vara, wife of the late Thomas Vara. Terry Finnegan will say a few words. Several Marching Band students will play the National Anthem, after which light refreshments will be served, followed by a soccer game. Flowers were planted last Saturday around the Thomas Vara sign at the edge of the field.

#### Sheds at Borough Park and Washington Meadows

Pete found a place to purchase the sheds and they will be available in two weeks. Help is needed to prepare the sites.

#### Men's Basketball

Joe Beson did not show up to give a report. The bylaws of Basketball have to be seen. A player should not be the organizer of the league. It was decided to advertise for a new Basketball Manager at the first of next year. Joe Kresser will meet with Joe Beson before next year.

#### Hiring of Maintenance Person

A maintenance person is needed by the Park Director. The position was advertised last week and there is a promising candidate who has worked for the Road Department. Voting on hiring this person was 5 yes to 1 no.

#### Signups

**Karate:** Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 PM; Sept 11 and 18, 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

**Youth Basketball:** Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 PM; Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

**Street Hockey:** Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 PM; Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

#### New Business

Terry suggested that activities in the future be handled by season and committees, so that one person would not be burdened by the whole responsibility for the activity.

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:40 PM by Dawn Higgins, seconded by Candy.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Noonan