

# WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes February 2, 2005

### Call to Order

The meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission on February 2<sup>nd</sup> was called to order by Terry Finnegan at 7:37 PM.

### Roll Call

In attendance were Terry Finnegan, Rick Feldman, Candy DeFillippis, Erin Czarnecki, Angela Wallace, Jamie Prendergast and Joe Kresser. Absent were Dawn Higgins and Pete Jacobson.

### Review of Past Minutes

After a correction to the minutes of January 16<sup>th</sup>, the fact that the absence of Commissioner Candy DeFillippis was not noted, the minutes were approved by a motion made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Joe Kresser.

### Correspondence/Communication

1. A letter from Borough Manager Richard Sheola to T&M Associates giving formal approval from the Mayor and Council to begin plan development for Railroad Avenue Park was received. **Note: T&M will meet with the Commission at the next meeting, and would like to meet at the Railroad Avenue Park site on February 12<sup>th</sup>.**
2. A thank you note from Commissioner Dawn Higgins was read, regarding a gift basket from the Board during a recent hospital stay.
3. A notice was received regarding a District 7 meeting on the Criminal Background Screening Process at the Hanover Township Municipal Complex February 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. A Proposal by Erin Czarnecki outlining the costs of the Summer Camp Program was given.
5. The schedule for NJRPA's annual conference held March 13 – 16 in Atlantic City was received.

### Audience Participation

A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Angela Wallace, to open the meeting to audience participation.

Wayne Wade, of Wade Associates, gave a review of the proposed design plan for the swimming pool.

#### A review of the pool renovation plan:

The study was done in the year 2000; working drawings done in 2002, and revised cost estimate was given in February 2004. The plan included a zero depth, multi-use area, (an idea popular about 12 years ago), and elimination of the wading pool.

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The trend now is for a pod type design, with separate wading pool with zero depth and some type of water feature.

Wade recommends ripping out the current wading pool and putting in a 100% new pool, with new piping. He or an associate will check the condition of the filter system. A question was asked about the 3 foot height difference of the wading pool area, and if the slope could somehow be utilized in a better way. Wade answered that the sewer line presents an expensive problem to change. Rick asked if the hill could be used for slides or other features. Wayne Wade replied that sunbathing area would be taken up, and the handicapped area must be maintained. The least expensive way of meeting the handicapped accessible requirement is a lift; the alternative with zero depth is a ramp. Terry's observation was that many young swimmers and unskilled swimmers need a shallow 3 foot area.

The Recreation Commissioners are definitely interested in the following:

1. Wading Pool
2. Zero Entry
3. Water Feature
4. Heated water

The size of the present pool is 6,550 square feet, redesigned would be 6,842 square feet. The volume of the present pool is 178,000 gallons; redesigned would be 170,000 gallons. The plan includes resurfacing the pool – sandblasting and new plastering to resurface, and should last at least 15 to 20 years. A pool cover for winterizing is included which will greatly help in extending the life of the surface.

According to Wayne, three major results from surveys of pool usage are:

1. Accessibility of Pool
2. Some kind of feature to give people something to do
3. Warm water at a temperature of 78 degrees.

### Costs:

The pool redesign proposal is for a project cost of \$283,000.

Since the original proposal, the costs of steel, concrete, and plastic pipe have gone up.

A separate wading pool would cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

A new DE filter system (tearing out steel tank) would cost \$25,000 to \$30,000.

A heater would be approximately \$16,000.

The project budget should include a 10% increase to cover rising material costs

The project should start next September, and be completed by early May of 2006.

Recreation Commissioner's direction to Wade and Company: (use line items for costs)

1. Design a wading pool
2. Design a new filter system
3. Include two new slides
4. Include a water heater

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Wayne Wade will meet with the Recreation Commissioners at the meeting either on March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize the plans.

A motion was made to close the public session of the meeting by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Angela Wallace.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There is no report for 2005 yet. However, there is an estimated cost of \$1,513 to replace a broken slide at Boro Park. Also, a bid to repair a leak at the bathhouse is \$4,365. This is not covered by insurance.

#### Refund Policy:

All refunds for the various programs must include a letter requesting the refund with the reason, the check number and a voucher signed and attached to the letter.

Rick will invite Doug Smith, a representative of a Men's Fastpitch Softball Team, to the next Board meeting to discuss using the Boro Park field for a doubleheader game to be played Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> of this year. (see attached letter).

### **Commissioners Reports**

Karate signups have begun. However, the group may not be able to use the Fire Hall in the future. Terry will be in touch with Ken Snowdon to see about alternative arrangements.

#### **Street Hockey and Basketball**

An incident in the condition of the boys bathroom at Memorial School has upset the custodian and principal. Terry suggests that parents of the players be asked to police those areas. Also, parents are leaving trash behind in the stands – newspapers, water bottles, etc.

#### **Pool Usage Fees for Summer Camps:**

Last year the fee for group camp pool usage was \$2.50 per child. This year the fee will be \$3.00 per child, with payment to be by a single check made out to Washington Borough Recreation Commission.

### **New Business**

It was suggested by Rick Feldman that, in order to conduct the business of the Recreation Commission in a more timely manner, packets of information containing the previous meeting's minutes, new correspondence, and any other pertinent material be available on Monday before the next meeting at Boro Hall for each Commissioner.

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### USA Soccer

Paul Jeffries of USA Soccer called to confirm the change to a flat fee of \$150.00, and not the \$5.00 per participant fee for the Soccer Squirt program to be held Fridays April 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Boro Park. The Board approved this field schedule. An Insurance Certificate will be provided by USA Soccer.

### **Adjournment**

A Motion to to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 PM was made by Erin Czarnecki, seconded by Angela Wallace.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.