

# WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes January 19, 2005

## Call to Order

The meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:38 PM by Commissioner Jamie Prendergast.

## Roll Call

In attendance were Erin Czarnecki, Jamie Prendergast, Angela Wallace, and Joe Kresser. Terry Finnegan arrived at 7:45, Pete Jacobson at 7:53, and Richard Feldman at 8:10. Absent were Dawn Higgins and Candy DeFillippis.

## Review of Past Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup> was made by Jamie Prendergast, seconded by Erin Czarnecki.

## Audience Participation

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Jamie Prendergast, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Two representatives of Little League were present, Mike Dante and Rick Albanese. They presented a Financial Statement for Washington Little League for the year 2004, and formally requested use of the Borough's recreational fields for the 2005 baseball season. They also need to store equipment for their players in our field storage areas, since the arrangement they previously used for storage has become too expensive. Tryouts will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup>. However, there will not be a schedule of games and practices until the master scheduler sets one up in early April. Angela reminded the Little League representatives that Borough Girl's Softball will have precedence over the Little League schedule, as any Borough activity will have precedence over outside events. The Scoreboard held by Little League can use temporary power until the power needed on the field can be determined. Terry asked for a picture of the Scoreboard before the next Recreation Board meeting.

The pitching mound at Boro Park may be too large for the younger players, but suitable for the Senior League. It was noted that this pitching mound must be moved in and out before and after games and practices.

The question of use of funds from the Little League's advertising signs was explained as being used for uniform and equipment purchases.

The Little League representatives were thanked for their information, and a motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Joe Kresser, seconded by Angela Wallace.

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## Correspondence/Communication

1. A letter from Terry Finnegan to Borough Manager Richard Sheola formally acknowledging the motion to hire T&M Associates for a design plan for Railroad Avenue Park.
2. Addendum to the Agreement with Wade Associates for a plan for improvements to the Swimming Pool at a fee of \$8,700.
3. Rick received a message from someone who wants to run a softball clinic. No other information is available.

## Treasurer's Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

## Commissioner's Reports

Street Hockey, reported by Terry Finnegan

The program has started and practices and games are held at Memorial and Taylor Schools. Uniform shirts are being purchased at a cost of about \$6.50 each, a fairly good price. As a side note, for some reason there are no signs on the bathroom doors at Memorial School.

Youth Basketball, reported by Pete Jacobson.

Everything is working fine.

Men's Basketball, reported by Joe Kresser

Joe is trying to get in touch with Joe Beston, as well as come of with any other names for someone to coordinate the program.

Summer Camp, as reported by Erin Czarnecki

Before and After Care will be available for one hour before and one hour after the regular 9 AM to 4 PM camp hours. This year forms will be filed for certification of the camp.

## Unfinished Business

1. The fee schedule for Swimming Lessons will remain at the 2004 rate.
2. Lights at Borough Park  
Terry Finnegan met with an electrician to check out the lighting stanchions at the park. The electrician said there was significant liability involved in doing any work on the lights, and wants the Borough Engineer to sign off on each footing. The timer for the lights needs to be replaced. JCPL told Terry that when all lights go on at once, there is a minimum charge of \$270 per billing period for the full maximum load; otherwise, the charge would be approximately \$7 per hour. A better system is needed for whoever is in charge of the lights. Right now Terry

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knows how to set and reset the timer; however, Jamie feels strongly that the other people who operate the lights do not know the system, and if a power outage occurs, the lights go back to the old original setting. The Park Director should be taught the lighting system, as well as Rick and Dawn. Joe Kresser would also like to learn the procedure.

Maintenance needs to be done on the stanchions, including painting.

3. The Pavilion

The Borough Engineer will be measuring the pad so Council will have a cost estimate for possibly finishing the project.

4. Rotary Club

Rotary has agreed to help buy tables and trash receptacles for the pavilion. Six tables will probably be needed at a cost of \$600 each to furnish the pavilion. Rotary will let Terry know how much they can contribute to the project. Building materials have not yet been removed from the unfinished pavilion project.

5. Advertising for Unfilled Positions

Advertising for the unfilled positions of Park Director and seasonal help will be done

### Executive Session

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Rick Feldman, seconded by Angela Wallace. A personnel matter was discussed.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Angela Wallace, seconded by Jamie Prendergast.

### New Business

#### Bathhouse

Terry needs someone to meet with several contractors to give an estimate on fixing the bathhouse ceiling after a pipe leak. Joe Kresser volunteered to do this. Rick Feldman stated that pool specialists are needed to deal with pool problems.

### Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM by Erin Czarnecki, seconded by Jamie Prendergast. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.