

WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes January 5, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting on January 5th of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Terry Finnegan. In attendance were Terry Finnegan, Candy DeFillippis, Jamie Prendergast, Joe Kresser, Erin Czarnecki and Rick Feldman. Late arrivals were Dawn Higgins at 7:37 PM and Angela Wallace at 8:41 PM. Absent was Pete Jacobson.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of the December 22nd meeting was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Jamie Prendergast. The motion also included a directive to add the arrival time of latecomers to the minutes.

Communications/Correspondence

1. Little League Signups will take place at Boro Hall on January 14th, 15, 21st and 22nd, and February 11th and 12th.
2. Dawn Higgins has received an estimate from Positive Lighting for a Projector at \$4,220 and Fastfold Screen at \$525. Equipment is required for the Movies in the Park summer program. However, other estimates are needed.
3. A notice was received from Boro Manager Richard Sheola reminding the Commissioners that all vouchers must be signed by Rick Feldman, Treasurer, before being processed.

Audience Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Feldman reported that the Recreation Commission has a surplus of \$36,500 at year end, which will be rolled over into the 2005 Budget. Some of this surplus came from underestimating revenues, and some of the funds resulted from overestimating labor costs. Next year the budgeting will be more carefully reviewed in November.

New Business

Terry Finnegan will send a letter to the Boro Council officially requesting the use of office space in the Boro Hall building. He has already spoken to the Boro Manager about the need for an area to maintain our records and supplies necessary for handling the business of the Recreation Commission in an orderly way.

Street Hockey

The Street Hockey Program begins the week of January 9th. Kevin McDonald is coordinating the program. A Code of Conduct will be given to parents the first week.

Youth Basketball

The program seems to be going well.

Commission Re-organization:

The Officers in place agreed to continue for another year. They are:

Chairman – Terry Finnegan

Vice Chairman – Dawn Higgins

Treasurer – Rick Feldman

Re-organizational Activities:

Soccer

Jamie Prendergast declined to continue to oversee the program for the coming year, as he felt the program required too much personal time, not only to coach and organize the teams and other coaches, but also to line the fields, do maintenance on the fields, clean the restrooms, etc.. Parent help was not forthcoming when needed. Terry Finnegan stated that the former Park Director did not train help to maintain the field.

Signup Schedule:

Softball and Spring Karate:

January 28th (Angela)
January 29th (Candy & Erin)
February 5th (Erin)

Fees:

\$35 Resident, \$70 Family
\$45 Non Resident, \$80 Family
(Karate \$35 all)

Swim Team:

February 25th (Terry and Joe) \$40 Resident, \$100 Family
February 26 \$80 Non-Res, \$200 Family
March 5th

Easter Egg Hunt:

March 26th (Dawn Higgins) at Washington Meadows field
Rain date: April 2nd

Summer Camp:

Will be licensed this year.

Signup Dates: March 18th
 March 19th
 April 22nd
 April 23rd

Erin mentioned that many camps offer before and after care, aside from regular camp hours.

Men's Basketball

No team can play in the league until all fees are paid. One team price will include team fee plus individual players fees. A suggested fee would be \$330 for team, plus \$35 for individual players. Joe Kresser will investigate fees and schedules.

Spring Karate

Signup schedule will coincide with Women's Softball signups. Rick will check with the Boro Manager to see if the Karate Instructor needs a separate Insurance certificate.

Soccer, Summer Karate and Field Hockey Signups:

- May 6th
- May 7th
- May 14th

By Law Amendment 2C

A motion to accept the Amendment 2C, changing the Recreation Commission Board Meeting dates to the first and third Wednesday of every month was made by Dawn Higgins, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Approval was unanimous.

Unfinished Business

Lighting for the Ball Field

Terry will check with the Boro Engineer to see what can be done about the existing light stanchions.

Paths for the Boro Park

A motion to specify concrete paths at Boro Park was made by Jamie Prendergast, seconded by Terry Finnegan. All voted to approve.

Pavilion at Boro Park

Kiwanis has paid \$15,000 out of the total \$20,000 project costs. The Boro Manager will look into removing materials left by the builder. An Insurance Certificate has not yet been produced by Kiwanis or Nissen Construction for the project. Kiwanis is considering a suit against Nissen for the unfinished project.

Pool Renovation

Wayne Wade Company can design a new wading pool and new filtration system for a fee of \$3,600. The Recreation Commission has already paid Wade and Company \$5,100 for an earlier plan, which may be outdated. There is also a fee of \$600 per meeting for Wade to meet with the Commission and go over plans. It was decided to have Wade come to a Rec Board meeting to hear what the Commissioners want in a redesign. The Boro Manager and Boro Engineer should also be in attendance. Terry Finnegan will arrange the meeting.

Open Positions

Terry will talk to the Boro Manager about advertising for the open positions, including Park Director and Pool Supervisor positions.

A motion was made by Joe Kresser to go into Executive Session, seconded by Jamie Prendergast. a Personnel matter was discussed. A motion was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Angela Wallace, to come out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:13 by Angela Wallace, seconded by Dawn Higgins.

The next Board Meeting for the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Noonan