

WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes April 6, 2005

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission took place on Wednesday, April 6th, 2005 and was called to order by Terry Finnegan, chairman, at 7:36 PM.

Roll Call

In attendance were Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, Jamie Prendergast, Candy DeFillippis, Pete Jacobson, Angela Wallace and Erin Czarnecki. Joe Kresser arrived at 7:42. Absent was Dawn Higgins.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Angela Wallace. All were in favor.

Correspondence/Communication

1. Memo from Beth Uporski regarding information needed to begin the 2005 Girls Softball season. This information included a copy of the Boro's Certificate of Insurance, approval of the \$50 League fee voucher, and certification of coaches. Ms. Uporski also needs confirmation of field preparation and usage for the scheduled games and practices.
2. A series of correspondence between Terry Finnegan and the Boro Manager regarding park light stanchions, the swale to be redone at Boro Park, and the contract and expenses for pool renovation as designed by Wade and Associates.
3. Letter from Jerome Baucom to Nissan Contracting requesting cost and damages from unfinished pavilion project.
4. Request from Boro Council for a presentation in May on the renovations planned for the pool, as well as the plan for Railroad Avenue Park.
5. Information on a Recreation College Seminar to be given in Pennsylvania on April 13th.

Audience Participation

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public by Joe Kresser, seconded by Rick Feldman. The audience participation was as follows:

1. Kevin McDonald, Street Hockey Coordinator, gave a summary of the Street Hockey program which has just ended. The grand finale was a pizza party attended by a member of the New Jersey Devils team and the Devils team mascot. 87 children participated in the hockey program, which began with a skills assessment. Next year, the Devils may be able to send a team player to help out with the assessment. Kevin thanked the Commission for their help in making the program a success.

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2. Rudy Bescherer, Code Enforcement Officer for the Boro, stated that he has several Community service workers available with many hours of service to perform, and suggested these workers may be useful in helping out with park seasonal work. Also, the shed at the park has only one inch of gravel beneath, and needs 4 inches of gravel to be in code. Another load is being delivered this week, and Rudy will call the state and get final approval of the structure.
3. Rick Albanese, as representative for Little League, asked for shed space for temporary storage for equipment, including a refreshment tent stand and foldup table. Little League needs Steinhardt Meadows baseball field to be ready for league play before April 23rd. Mr. Albanese also requested that a Recreation Commissioner act as liaison between Little League and the Recreation Commission. Pete Jacobson volunteered for this role. Little League would like to put a French drain in the field, and is considering a future dugout. There is an electric scoreboard available. Rick Feldman will coordinate setting up the new portable bleachers for the field. The advertising signs around the field cost \$150 initially for set up, and \$150 rental per season. The funds are used for Little League equipment, uniforms, League fees, etc.

A motion was made to close the audience participation part of the meeting by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Erin Czarnecki.

Treasurer's Report

A final Budget Review was given by Rick Feldman.

New Business

Introduction of new Park Director

Adam Payne was formally introduced to the Recreation Commissioners as the new Park Director.

Adam Payne would like to compile a list of any major concerns that the Recreation Commissioners have regarding the parks. These were the concerns expressed:

- The way the pool was painted last year
- The basketball backboards
- The ladies bathrooms
- Mulching and landscaping that must be done

Unfinished Business

Egg Hunt

The weather-delayed Easter Egg Hunt has been converted to a May 1st Festival with games. Candy DeFillippis and Erin Czarnecki are coordinating the event.

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Spring Signup Dates

Swim Lessons, Pool Membership, and Summer Camp signup dates are:

Friday, April 22nd (Rick and Terry)

Saturday, April 23rd (Erin and Jamie)

Executive Session

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Joe Kresser, seconded by Pete Jacobson. A personnel matter was discussed.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Pete Jacobson, seconded by Candy DeFillippis.

Railroad Avenue Park Design

T&M will come and do a walk-through of the site of the proposed Railroad Avenue Park plan with the Recreation Commission on Saturday, April 9th at noon, and answer any questions regarding the layout. The full plan with four tennis courts will run approximately \$2.8 million, and T&M will have ready an itemized list of all costs. Phases of development rather than complete development might be needed. The plan for the Railroad Avenue Park and the Pool renovation will be presented to Boro Council possibly sometime in May. After that, Council must commit to the amount to finance the park, which determines when the project can be started. Note that a Green Acres grant of up to \$500,000 is a loan and must be repaid over a period of twenty years.

Pool Renovation

The sewer issue must be resolved by a definite date before the pool project can be done.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:35 by Erin Czarnecki, seconded by Rick Feldman.