

WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes June 15, 2005

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Board of Commissioners of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, June 15th by Terry Finnegan, Chairman, at 7:31 PM.

Roll Call

In attendance were Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, Candy DeFillippis, Jamie Prendergast, Angela Wallace, Dawn Higgins and Adam Payne, Park Director. Late arrival was Erin Czarnecki at 8:10 PM. Absent were Pete Jacobson and Joe Kresser.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion to accept the corrected minutes from the June 1st meeting was made by Dawn Higgins, seconded by Rick Feldman. Angela Wallace abstained. Motion approved.

Correspondence/Communication

1. A letter was received from Doug Smith, thanking the Recreation Commission for use of the Boro Park ball field for the Men's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament June 4th and 5th.
2. Letter from Bob Miller, Boro Engineer, to Centex Homes, LLC, recommending that the soccer field at Washington Meadows be regraded for proper drainage.

Audience Participation

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

Jonathan Feldman, a young college student, made a request to the Recreation Commission to use the pool and park for a Swim-A-Thon to honor the memory of 19 year old Dustin Merunka, former member of the Swim Team, who was killed in an auto accident in May. The date of the Swim-A Thon would tentatively be Friday, July 22nd, from 2:00 to 10:00 PM, with rain date of Wednesday, July 27th. Money raised from the event would benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Warren County. Scheduled activities might include a disk jockey and barbecue. A motion to allow the Swim-A-Thon to take place at Boro Park and Pool was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Jamie Prendergast. In favor were Candy DeFillippis, Terry Finnegan, Dawn Higgins, Jamie Prendergast, and Angela Wallace. Abstained, Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

A motion was made to close the Public Session by Rick Feldman, seconded by Angela Wallace.

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Unfinished Business

Pool Renovations

Wayne Wade, of Wayne Wade Associates, was in attendance to discuss the revised plan for renovating the Boro Pool. A presentation will be made to the Boro Council next Tuesday, June 21st, regarding the plan, which must be finalized as soon as possible. At this time, the costs are estimated to run approximately \$525,000, plus terracing and drainage. If the project begins in September of 2006, inflation might also affect costs; bidding in late April, early May of '06 should get the project scheduled for fall.

A new vacuum filtration system is included in the price. The old tank would have to go, and a new concrete tank put in. New decking around the pool is not included, and could run approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 more, and would have to be coordinated with Bob Miller, Boro Engineer, because of the new sewer line to be installed. \$33,000 has been budgeted as part of the plan for water features, which includes an enclosed slide.

Additions to the original plan include a new water line from the well, and grates for existing gutters.

Bob Miller submitted plans for sidewalks and curbing and a low wall of 2 to 2^{1/2} feet near the baby pool.

Wayne Wade will give an adjusted price for all new decking, piping, gutters and welding so that the Recreation Commission will have it for the Council meeting on June 21st.

Soccer Field

Bob Miller met today (6/15) with representatives from Centex. The whole field needs to be regraded. This does not seem to be a problem with Centex. They will price the field re-do and give the Boro cash for the work to be done. If the field is re-graded, with water access and sodded, the field can be used for soccer this fall. However, that might be too premature. The Recreation Commission does not want Centex to do the work on the field themselves.

Pavilion Update

Kiwanis has hired an electrician and mason to work on the pavilion, and a carpenter has been found. The work to completion will be done, and will be paid for by Kiwanis. There is a question of building permits – were they ever issued? The Building Inspector should visit the site.

Grading around the building will probably be done by the Boro.

Entrance/Exit to Boro Park and Pool

Bob Miller suggests the Entrance/Exit to the Park at Broad Street is wide enough for two way traffic.

Park Director's Report

The Pool opens full time on Saturday, June 18th

A Softball Tournament has been scheduled for June 18th

Notification for Swimming Lessons Session 1 have been sent out

Swim Team evening practices begin Monday, June 20th

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Park Director's Report, cont.

Painting the bathhouse will continue through the week.

Problems:

A pipe to the pump house broke on Friday, June 10th, and a large amount of water filled both manholes and seeped into the basement of the pump house. The problem was fixed in time for opening Saturday as scheduled.

Phone lines went dead June 9th because of water seepage behind the phone jacks. Phones are working again.

Some parents have asked for a partial refund for Swimming Lessons since there are no lessons given on July 4th.

Graham Petto has suggested having Adult Swimming Lessons in the evening during the third session or in August.

Dawn Higgins suggested if a shared arrangement with Washington Township could help with certain equipment needed to mow the side of the hill at the park.

The playground needs to be mulched and painted.

Treasurer's Report

Money has been spent on unexpected problems, such as the plumbing emergencies, and amount to almost \$6,000. Aside from that, the budget is in order.

Commissioners Reports

Summer Camp

Erin Czarnecki has purchased supplies and is working with Paula Drake at Boro Hall to handle the expenses.

Grant Writing

Candy DeFillippis had a letter from BID with the information that \$1,145 per month is paid to a grant writer, with a contract for 24 to 36 months.

4th of July

Dawn Higgins would like kids from each program to ride the float for the parade.

Movies in the Park

Dawn has six movies lined up for the summer. This year the movies will be on Saturday night, beginning July 9th, and will start at dusk.

New Business

Advertising

Billboard advertising for the Boro Pool and Movies in the Park, beginning July 4th for one month, will cost \$450 for the sign rental, plus \$85 for the printing. Two available options for the sign are: on Route 57 toward Mansfield, or below Oxford on Route 31

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Advertising, cont.

South. A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Erin Czarnecki, to use the sign on Route 31 South. All were in favor, motion passed.

Note: next year advertising should be checked out in May.

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:25 PM by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins.

Reminder that at the Council meeting on Tuesday the 21st the Pool Renovation and Railroad Avenue Park Proposals will be presented.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 6th at 7:30 PM at the poolhouse.