

# **WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes August 17, 2005**

## **Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> by Dawn Higgins, Vice Chairman, at 7:55 PM. In attendance were Commissioners Jamie Prendergast, Dawn Higgins, Angela Wallace, and Candy DeFillippis. Absent were Terry Finnegan, Rick Feldman, Erin Czarnecki, Joe Kresser, and Park Director Adam Payne.

## **Review of Past Minutes**

Approval of minutes from the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were postponed until the next meeting.

## **Audience Participation**

A motion was made to open the public session of the meeting by Angela Wallace. Mayor Maryanne Van Deursen and Borough Manager Richard Sheola spoke to the Commission concerning the Council's idea of turning the Park Director's job into a full time position. Dawn will work with the Mayor and Manager and Councilwoman Christine Woykoski on checking with other towns with similar governments about how their Park Director's position works. Towns to be visited are Livingston and Dunellen. The Mayor expressed interest in continuing to have volunteers on the Recreation Commission. A motion was made by Angela Wallace, seconded by Jamie Prendergast, to have Dawn Higgins on the Mayor's committee to investigate the possibility of a full time Park Director's position for Washington Borough.

A motion was made to close the Public Session of the meeting by Jamie Prendergast, seconded by Angela Wallace.

## **Correspondence**

1. A letter from FRA Technologies was received concerning their product MRS, Municipal Recreation System. This software package does signups and roster of pool attendance, etc..
2. A note to Terry Finnegan as Chairman of the Recreation Commission was received, thanking the Commission for allowing the Dustin Marunka Swim-a-thon to take place at the Borough Pool in July.
3. A memo from Borough Manager Richard Sheola was received, outlining the new Borough purchasing policy.

## **Park Director's Report**

There was no report as the Park Director was not in attendance.

## **Treasurer's Report**

There was no Treasurer's Report at this time.

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### **Old Business**

Commissioner Prendergast expressed concerns about the condition of the soccer fields behind Warren Hills Middle School.

### **New Business**

#### **The Pool**

Policy on closing the pool: Commissioner Angela Wallace suggested that, during summer rain showers, if there was no lightning, the pool should stay open.

Other suggestions to be implemented:

- Lifeguards must be on call if the pool is closed, and be able to return later when the pool reopens.
- The pool must be open and ready for use at 12 Noon. No exceptions.
- In case of inclement weather, a skeleton crew will remain at the pool and do other duties, until the pool can be re-opened.
- A skeleton crew will be maintained at the pool from 12 Noon until 8:00 PM every day regardless of how many patrons are in attendance or what the weather conditions are like.

#### **Concert in the Park**

Commissioner Candy DeFillippis has arranged for a band concert to take place at Borough Park on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 PM.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Wallace, seconded by Jamie Prendergast.

Respectfully submitted by Candy DeFillippis