

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission
Minutes
July 5, 2006

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, July 5th, by Angela Wallace, Vice-Chairperson, at 7:47 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners Candy DeFillippis, Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, and Park Director Adam Payne. Absent were Chairperson Dawn Higgins and Commissioner Joe Kresser.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Finnegan to approve the minutes from the June 7th meeting, seconded by Candy DeFillippis. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Catherine Ashby requesting a refund for Session 2 Swim Lessons due to a family vacation.

A letter was received from Alicia Hamilton requesting a refund for Karate for both herself and her son due to time conflicts.

A letter was received from Sarah Schrills requesting a refund for Swim Team for two of her three children due to practice times.

A phone call from Michelle Gill stating her unhappiness with the Swim Lessons in Session 1 was discussed. Adam Payne will address his staff regarding her concerns and follow-up with her at the next swim lesson.

A letter was received from Andrea Rapach requesting use of the pool for a private birthday party. Adam will work up pricing and follow-up with her.

A letter was received from the Mayor commending the pool staff on the excellent condition of the pool on behalf of herself and Borough Council.

Open Public Session

A motion was made to open the Public Session of the meeting at 7:50 p.m. by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

Denise Kohler and Lynn Smith were in attendance to express their unhappiness with swim lessons. They were unhappy with the shortened safety course day and the fact that there are many new lifeguards this year whom they feel aren't as experienced as lifeguards in the past. Adam Payne will discuss their concerns with his staff.

A motion to close the Public Session at 8:07 p.m. was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Terry Finnegan. Motion passed.

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Park Director's Report

Adam Payne reported that all lifeguards have been certified and the playground mulch is in. New hooks are needed to secure the swings and the pump house graffiti needs to be removed. The unsafe playground equipment has not yet been removed. Terry Finnegan instructed Adam to tape it off and add no trespassing signs. Adam stated that on the night of July 3rd, several items, including a table, chair, swim blocks and garbage bags were thrown into the pool. Adam would like to see more police presence at the pool at night and possibly a new fence when the pool is redone.

Adam and his staff have been working on stump removal, hedge trimming, railroad embankment clean up and the painting of the pool house. The Commissioners commented on a noticeable improvement in the park's appearance. Rick Feldman reminded Adam that the baby pool needs to be shocked every day and that he would like to see pictures of the pool's key people posted at the pool by the end of the week.

Adam provided the Commissioners with a detailed proposal to replace the floor mats at the pool. All Commissioners were in favor of this project.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Feldman stated that a lot of money has been spent in the Parks/Playgrounds and Materials/Supplies areas. Some expenses have been carried over from last year which has negatively affected our expense lines this year.

Commissioner Reports

Soccer

Terry Finnegan went thru all the soccer equipment and will be placing an order for what is needed.

Field Hockey

Candy DeFillippis stated that new goals are needed this season. Adam Payne will prepare a voucher to get these ordered.

New Business

Little League – 2007

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Consignment Ticket Program

Rick Feldman discussed consignment tickets made available thru NJRPA for local Amusement and Water Parks. All Commissioners were in favor of making these tickets available to the public. Ann Kilduff will work with Rick to find the most efficient way to handle this.

Equipment Exchange/Fun Day

Terry Finnegan suggested having an Equipment Exchange Day where parents can bring old sports equipment and cleats to trade or give away to other parents. All Commissioners were in favor and decided to hold this event on August 25th. It will be tied in with the Movie in the Park. Ann Kilduff will work on an advertisement for this event.

Movies in the Park

A list of the Friday night movie schedule was provided to the Commissioners. Movies will play at dusk beginning on July 7th and end on August 25th.

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Dress Attire in Baby Pool

Diapers are not allowed in either pool. Adam will make signs for the pool stating that parents can buy waterproof diapers at the front desk if they don't have their own at the price of \$2.00 each.

Tree Condition in Park

There are two trees in the park that lose branches whenever there is a storm. Adam will mark them with yellow caution tape and inform the Boro Manager that these trees need to be removed.

Unfinished Business

Pavilion Rental Fee

Angela Wallace, Terry Finnegan and Candy DeFillippis were in favor of a \$25.00 pavilion rental fee. Rick Feldman was opposed to it. This will be discussed again at our next meeting.

Pavilion Dedication Update

The tables and garbage cans will be delivered shortly. Ann Kilduff will order a message board to be placed in the pavilion.

Railroad Avenue Status Update

The State will be announcing awards on July 18th.

Washington Meadows Soccer Field Status Update

Rick Feldman stated that specs have not been developed yet as per the Borough Manager.

Borough Park Stadium Light Status Update

The Borough Manager had provided the Commission with a copy of the bids he received for the lights.

Pool Renovation Project Status Update

There is no new information at this time.

Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate, and/or legal matters was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Candy DeFillippis. Motion passed.

A motion was made to close the Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. by Terry Finnegan, seconded by Candy DeFillippis. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:46 p.m. by Terry Finnegan, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff