

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission
Minutes
March 15, 2006

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, March 15th, by Dawn Higgins, Vice-Chairperson, at 8:07 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners Erin Czarnecki, Candy DeFillippis, Rick Feldman, and Park Director Adam Payne. Absent were Terry Finnegan, Joe Kresser and Angela Wallace.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Feldman to approve the minutes from the March 1st meeting after a few changes, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A donation request from Warren Hills Project Graduation was discussed.

A letter from Kid Care in Washington was discussed. They would like use of the park everyday in the summer for their Summer Program. Ann will call and invite them to our next meeting for further discussion.

Open Public Session

A motion was made to open the Public Session of the meeting by Dawn Higgins, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Motion passed.

No members of the public were present.

A motion to close the Public Session was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

No report is available at this time.

Park Director's Report

Infield dirt for the softball and baseball fields will be delivered. Adam will rent a tractor and do both fields. Adam met with three masons regarding the dumpster project. All bids are in the \$5,000-\$6,000 range, so he was asked to also get an estimate for a chain link fence.

We are beginning to receive applications for different positions. A plan needs to be devised for staffing the pool. We need to see how many and what positions need to be filled. Adam will put together a chart of how many days the pool is open, and the coverage needed for the next meeting.

Adam noticed that the sign on Route 31 is not cemented in the ground. The posts are plastic and because of the wind and rain the ground has allowed them to bend and the post itself is now warped.

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Borough Park needs to be ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and Pavilion Dedication. As of now it still needs to be cleaned out and leveled. Since it's still early in the season, there is no grass or flowers. The High School Key Club is willing to help clean up and plant flowers.

We've had no communication with Kiwanis regarding the Pavilion Dedication and would like them to come to one of our meetings. Therefore, a motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Candy DeFillippis, to delay the dedication ceremony until the park is presentable and we receive communication from Kiwanis as to what they would like done. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Swim Team

We currently have 92 participants signed up.

Karate

We currently have 3 participants signed up.

New Business

Entrance to the Park

The exit to the park near Broad Street was discussed. Although the exit is wide enough to be made into both an entrance and exit, it may be an issue regarding the children's safety. Speed bumps may need to be added. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Park Signs

Adam will check into the signs to see what we have and what we need to purchase. Currently, the lifeguard sign is off and the "Clean Up After Your Dog" signs are missing. It was suggested we get "No Alcohol" signs and a few stands with bags to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

By-Law Amendment

We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Washington Township Recreation Committee

Candy DeFillippis stated that representatives from the Township's Recreation Committee are willing to come and speak to the Recreation Commission as to how they operate in regards to their budget and park maintenance. Commissioners would be interested to hear what they have to say.

Unfinished Business

Grant Writing

A letter was received from Dave Gurkins. He states that the best option is to pursue Green Acres Development Funds. Applications are due April 15th and cost approximately \$7,000 to prepare. Corporate funds are available but come in little by little. The application process takes about a year.

Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate, and/or legal matters was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins. Motion passed.

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A motion was made to close the Executive Session by Dawn Higgins, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

A motion to waive a family's Softball and Swim Team fees was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:00 p.m. by Rick Feldman, seconded by Erin Czarnecki. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff