

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission
Minutes
November 29, 2006

Call to Order

A special meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, November 29th, by Dawn Higgins, Chairperson, at 8:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners Candy DeFillippis, Terry Finnegan, Angela Frye and Park Director Adam Payne. Commissioner Rick Feldman arrived at 8:30 and Joe Kresser arrived at 8:45. Commissioner Angela Wallace was absent.

Review of Past Minutes

Past minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Heritage Commission regarding upcoming events at the Shippen Manor in Oxford.

A letter was received from the BID regarding community grants.

A letter was received from the Heritage Conservancy regarding a survey of those in the Muscanetcong Watershed area. Ann Kilduff will e-mail the Commissioners the link to complete the survey online.

Open Public Session

A Public Session was not necessary at this meeting.

Park Director's Report

Adam Payne stated that Lucas Electric has been working at the park. Everything has been winterized, mulched and fertilized. Adam will remove the tree stumps by Route 31. There was an incident with the truck used at Borough Park where it slid into the fence and both the fence and truck sustained some damage. Dawn Higgins and Adam are waiting to hear back from the Borough Manager regarding this situation. Adam will repair the damage done to the fence.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report at this meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Soccer

Terry Finnegan reported that Soccer had a successful season. Division 5 Girls took 2nd Place in the League, Division 4 Boys took 2nd Place and Division 5 Boys took 3rd Place. Terry received positive feedback regarding the awards ceremony. Terry noted two new nets are needed for Division 5 and two sets of corner flags will be needed next season.

Field Hockey

Candy DeFillippis reported that Field Hockey had a great season as well. Heather Meyerhofer would like to continue coaching next year. Candy stated new Field Hockey goals will be needed next season. Adam will take the goals apart and put them away for the winter.

New Business

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dawn Higgins reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Santa will be provided by the BID and arrive at 6:00. Boy Scout Troop 157 will supply the luminaries. Adam will bring the PA System.

Unfinished Business

Vara Field

Sod will be put down on the field and will be ready to be played on next year. Dawn Higgins would like the water to be installed at the park before the sod is delivered. Washington Township has let the Borough borrow a machine to water the field when it is ready. Terry Finnegan stated that people are using the baseball field for a dog run and are not cleaning up after their dogs.

Pool Renovation

Dawn Higgins feels that Wayne Wade has not consulted the way a consultant should. They should have told the Commission it was the wrong time to bid. The Commission wanted to go out to bid in the Spring, but it didn't get done until August. Dawn also feels Wayne Wade should have been giving the Commission reports since the beginning of last year. A motion was made by Joe Kresser, seconded by Rick Feldman, to terminate Wayne Wade's services and look for a new consultant. All Commissioners were in favor. Motion passed. Dawn will draft a letter to Wayne Wade telling him his services are no longer needed.

The Commission feels the pool's filtration system could be replaced in time for next summer. Rick Feldman said that a feasibility study needs to be done to see if the Commission is going in the right direction.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was not necessary at this meeting.

Commission Requests and/or Remarks

There were no Commission Remarks at this meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Joe Kresser, to end the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff