

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission
Minutes
May 2, 2007

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, May 2nd, by Dawn Higgins, Chairperson, at 7:44 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners Rick Feldman, Cheryl Turnbull, Kathy Seguine and Park Director Adam Payne. Candy DeFillippis arrived at 7:52. Commissioners Terry Finnegan, Angela Frye and Angela Wallace were absent. Dawn Higgins welcomed new Commissioner, Kathy Seguine.

Open Public Session

A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Cheryl Turnbull, to open the public session of the meeting at 7:49. Motion carried.

Detective Wendell Whitmore was in attendance to discuss camera options for Borough Park. Dawn asked Detective Whitmore if he looked to see how many cameras would be needed. He replied he hadn't, but he did check to see where the cameras should be placed. Detective Whitmore stepped out for a few minutes and the Commission discussed informational handouts and catalogs he provided. Upon his return, a discussion took place regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the different camera styles. Dawn asked if there is any money available through Homeland Security. Detective Whitmore replied he has some information that he will share with the Commission. He stated he will go back to the park and re-check the camera placement and offered to come to another meeting. Dawn thanked him for all his information and time.

A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Cheryl Turnbull, to close the public session of the meeting at 8:26. Motion carried.

Communications

The Commissioners discussed an e-mail forwarded to Dawn from the Borough Manager regarding a band wishing to play in the park. The letter will be kept on file for future reference.

Dawn stated Councilman Victor Cioni suggested having a clean-up day at Borough Park, tentatively scheduled for June 2nd. All Commissioners were in favor of this idea. Dawn stated a plan should be put together ahead of time and suggested renting a hot dog cart. Candy DeFillippis suggested having music in the park. The Commissioners discussed the different tasks to be done. Dawn will follow up with Councilman Cioni and will also coordinate the clean-up day.

Park Director's Report

Adam reported the pool house will be finished and cleaned by tomorrow. The pool house floor will be painted this weekend and the pool will be painted during the week. The sand has been completely removed from the pool filter. Adam is hoping to fill the pool next week. Adam reported four barberry bushes have been planted at Steinhardt Field and some of the fence has been repaired. Little League decided against the purchase of the infield dirt due to time constraints.

Treasurer's Report

Rick distributed and discussed the Appropriation Account Summary report. Dawn stated she and Rick will be able to go before Council one more time to discuss the budget. Rick stated no money has been allocated as of yet.

Adam discussed parts that are still needed to repair the pool. Rick stated he and Dawn saw a demonstration of the water reel at the field and he explained how it works. The water reel will cost approximately \$13,000. The Commissioners discussed purchasing a trailer for it.

Commissioner Reports

Swim Team

Rick stated he will be speaking to Charlie Ginex regarding the Swim Team Coach position.

New Business

Swim Lessons

Dawn stated she would like a paragraph describing Levels 4 and 5 on the swim lesson registration form. Adam will provide Ann with a description of each. Dawn would also like the instruction of Level 5 addressed with the lifeguards because of the issues that came up last year regarding instructors not getting in the water with the children.

Unfinished Business

Park Bricks

Dawn stated the plans for the bricks have been sent to the DPW. The DPW will begin work on the patios when their current projects are completed.

Pool Renovation Project Status Update

Dawn stated Jeff Bottger of T&M Associates will be at the May 16th meeting. Due to a delay in the Commission receiving information from Borough Hall, Jeff did not receive the information in time for this meeting.

Pavilion Status Update

There is nothing new to report.

Washington Meadows Soccer Field Status Update

The Commission is waiting on a water meter and date of the sod delivery. Rick would like Council to hold someone accountable for the delay of water availability. Dawn reported she called American Water Company to get the work order started. Dawn stated Rich Sheola had contacted Jerry Philkill regarding the water meter but nothing has been done.

Meeting Recap

The recap of the April 18th meeting was discussed.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was not necessary at this meeting.

Commission Remarks

Adam asked about the status of the repairs to be done by Lucas Electric at Borough Park. Dawn stated they should have begun work today and will follow up with the Borough Manager if they are not there in the next few days.

Rick feels the Borough Manager should get involved more in Borough projects. He would like Council to direct the professionals in order to get projects done. He feels the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer did not do anything to get the water project at Vara Field underway.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:18 p.m. by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Cheryl Turnbull.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff