

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Minutes
September 23, 2009

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, September 23 2009, by Recreation Director Gary Masenior at 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance were committee members Erica Kilkinney, Beth Uporsky, Paula Aron, Adam Zimmer, Candy DeFillippis, Borough Clerk, Kristine Blanchard and Council liaison Patrick Boyle. Rick Feldman - Absent

Communications

No Communications

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Adam Zimmer, seconded by Candy DeFillippis to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2009 regular meeting as submitted. All yes – motion carried.

Audience Participation

There was no audience participation at this meeting.

Recreation Director Report

Finances

Director Masenior stated there was no finance report available.

Secretary Report

No report.

Non-Park Related Activities

Director Masenior explained to the committee that the Borough Manager will not be in attendance at tonight's meeting. There were only two questions submitted for the manager and he did not think it would be prudent to have him attend for two questions. Ms. Uporsky stated that her two questions were regarding purchases. Can purchases be made with other towns? Director Masenior stated that according to the Borough Manager, purchases can be made with other towns if they follow the public contracts law. She also asked if referees can be paid the night that they have worked a game. Director Masenior stated no; the Governing Body needs to approve all services prior to payment being made. Ms. Uporsky stated she will begin to pay her referees from the league fees.

Director Masenior also stated that he has had questions from the street hockey league regarding their pizza party and trophies at the end of the year. Director Masenior stated that all recreation programs will be treated equally as reflected in the council minutes of April 7, 2009. There will be no parties only medals and certificates. If the league wants to have a party, the parents and coaches can pay for it.

Director Masenior requested that Adam Zimmer inform the street hockey coaches that they should be at the next recreation committee meeting.

Park Related Activities

Director Masenior reported that the pool is being drained and there is a possibility that the leak may be in the skimmer line. There is also a possibility that there is damage to the new concrete around the pool.

The soccer teams have been playing with the new goals at the park. Ms. Uporsky stated that there is an issue with parking at Vara Field. If possible she would like the town to look into having parking on one side of the street only during games. Councilman Boyle will follow up on this issue with the Borough Manager.

Program Liaison Reports

Ms. Uporsky stated that she will be running softball clinics this year. Mr. Zimmer stated that there are three weeks left in the fall ball baseball season. Soccer t-shirts were delivered and the pictures were taken. Ms. DeFellippis stated that Sandy Cerami had given her some information on a matching grant from the NFL for football fields. Ms. DeFillippis passed the information on to the Recreation Director, Gary Masenior.

New Business

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

This was tabled until the next meeting.

New Program Proposals

Several suggestions were made by committee members; disc golf league and the possibility of a skate park, a historical walking tour in conjunction with the Historical Society, a 5K run, and bus trips for senior citizens. Paula will bring information regarding the 5K run and Candy will bring information regarding senior citizen trips to the next meeting. Committee members should bring other suggestions for new programs to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Gail Payne Account

No new information

Railroad Avenue

No new information

Street Hockey Practice at Vo-Tech

Director Masenior reminded Mr. Zimmer to invite the Street Hockey coaches to the next meeting.

Field Usage Request Form

Tabled

Sports Liaisons

Ms. Uporsky stated that field hockey should not fall to Ann.

Fingerprint Process

Ann is working on this and will have an update at the next meeting.

Borough Manager Meeting Attendance Questions

Director Masenior discussed this at the beginning of the meeting; however Mr. Feldman had submitted questions after the deadline. These questions were read aloud to the committee for their information.

Committee Comments

Ms. Uporsky and Ms. DeFillippis questioned the success of the vending machines. Ms. Uporsky also requested a financial summary for each program so that we will be able to better plan for 2010.

Councilman Boyle stated that Ms. Kilkinney did a fantastic job with the arts and crafts park program and should be commended for it.

Recreation Director Comments

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 p.m. by Zimmer, seconded by Uporsky and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Kristine Blanchard