

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Minutes
April 14, 2010

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, by Recreation Director Gary Masenior at 7:50 p.m. Also in attendance were committee members Paula Aron, Erica Kilkinney, Beth Uporsky and Adam Zimmer. Candy DeFillippis arrived at 8:50 and Council liaison Scott McDonald arrived at 9:15. Rick Feldman was absent.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Adam Zimmer, seconded by Beth Uporsky, to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2010 regular meeting with the change noted. Motion carried.

Audience Participation

Rob Plenge of Oakwood Lanes was in attendance. He stated the bowling program at Warren Hills is very successful and would like to provide instruction for the sending districts. He provided the committee with a sample flyer for their summer camp and asked for assistance advertising in order to include children in the Borough. Children ages 5-13 are eligible to participate and will be grouped by age and skill. All monies would be collected by his department. Adam spoke very highly of the instructors in the bowling program and feel the quality of the coaches has been consistent over the decades. Beth agreed it is a very reputable and positive program. Gary stated he would like to look into a two-week league as a recreation program. Mr. Plenge will work on the final draft of the flyer and provide a copy to Gary, Ann and Beth for distribution. He thanked everyone for their time and stated he would like to compliment Bill Smith on the excellent job he does organizing the youth basketball program.

Communications

Gary stated Little League has requested the use of the PA system for their opening day ceremonies on April 24th. Gary has approved this request.

Recreation Director Report

Finances

Gary stated there is \$84,143 in the trust account and gave a breakdown to the committee. The current account has approximately \$10,000. Gary purchased new bases and six sets of inserts in order to use the same bases for each team's needs.

Park Related

Gary stated a request has come from Warren United to use Vara Field. He is currently waiting for more information from the group.

Secretary Report

Ann stated there are currently 75 participants for the swim team, 20 for karate and 46 for softball. Swim lesson sign-ups will be held on April 16th, 17th and 24th and Ann asked for and received volunteers to help those days. The street hockey end of season banquet was held on March 29th and the committee discussed issues from the season. Beth requested vouchers and W-9 forms for the softball umpires. Ann will have 35 sets in the supply room at the park on Friday.

Program Liaison Reports

Softball

Beth stated she has four teams and the program is going well. The field looks nice and field coordination is going well. Opening day is Saturday for the older team. The younger teams will start next Saturday. Beth asked about uniforms. Gary replied he is in the process of getting them. Equipment was replaced as necessary and uniforms were ordered as needed.

Mens' Baseball

Adam stated they started playing last week with their home opening game on May 30th at 7:30 pm. He is coordinating the installation of the nets with the Fire Department and is hoping to put them up on Sunday morning or, if not, next Saturday morning. The team will be hosting a fundraiser on July 17th where half of the proceeds go to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. He is hoping to donate \$1,000 to the organization. Little League baseball and softball as well as men's baseball and softball will be included in the event. Adam is currently working with the sports writer of the Express-Times. Most of his team will be working at the event and the Fire Department has volunteered their time as well. Beth feels security needs to be discussed. Gary stated he will have the concession stand open.

Kathy Halpin of the Shade Tree Commission stated they have received a grant to work on the trees in the park. She will contact Gary when they are ready to work. Gary and audience member Adam Uporsky discussed the trees that need repair or removal.

Beth left the meeting at this point.

Adam stated the Fire Department is planning a softball charity event to include sixteen teams over a twelve hour period. He will provide the date once it is confirmed.

Paula asked for a contact person for men's basketball. Gary will provide her with the information.

New Business

Gary stated men's softball will begin playing in two weeks and will provide more information as he receives it.

The Washington Emergency Squad would like to reserve the park on September 2 thru 4, 2011 for their 75th Anniversary celebration. Gary has approved this request and will get more details.

A letter was received from the offices of Stover & Stover notifying the Department they have received a gift of \$1,000 from the estate of Jean Davis. The group was very appreciative and would like to thank the family of Ms. Davis.

Unfinished Business

New Youth Baseball Program

Gary stated their first game was this past weekend. They purchased the outfield fence which we can use and it will allow us to host the Little League All Star game. They used the temporary mound which worked well. There were approximately 200 spectators at the park. Gary stated he had dewinterized the grandstand himself in order to save money prior to this event.

Easter Egg Hunt

Candy stated the event went well and was well attended. Candy notified the Mayor that it was a major inconvenience not being able to purchase the candy and prizes herself as she did in the past. The Borough Manager had said it was up to the Recreation Director to make the purchases for the Egg Hunt.

Gail Payne Account

Gary stated there is nothing new to report.

Field Usage Request Form

This has been tabled until a future meeting.

5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

This has been tabled until a future meeting.

New Program Proposals

5K Run – Paula has no new information.

Peeps Are People Too – Gary has no new information.

Flag Football – Gary will speak to Mike Terminelli to prepare a summer program.

Senior Programs – Nothing new

Disc Golf – Nothing New

Bus Trip – Nothing New

Dance – Nothing New

Bowling – Rob Plenge was in attendance and spoke earlier.

2010 Fee Schedule

Gary stated he submitted the fees as they were. It was recommended by Council that there not be a pool membership fee charged to seniors living in the Borough, but there should be a fee for out-of-borough seniors. Candy feels the pool is user-friendly for seniors. Gary stated some seniors suggested purchasing a lounge chair with their name on it that we would store for them as there is always a shortage of chairs at the pool. Paula suggested possibly renting out chairs.

Committee Comments

Adam stated it's good to see the committee still working on programs.

Recreation Director Comments

Gary had no further comments.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:30 p.m. by Adam Zimmer, seconded by Paula Aron.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff