

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Minutes
April 28, 2010

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, by Recreation Director Gary Masenior at 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance were committee members Paula Aron, Rick Feldman and Erica Kilkinney. Candy DeFillippis, Beth Uporsky, Adam Zimmer and Council liaison Scott McDonald were absent. A quorum was not present at this meeting.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Paula Aron, seconded by Erica Kilkinney, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2010 regular meeting as submitted. Rick Feldman abstained. Motion carried.

Audience Participation

There was no audience present at this meeting.

Communications

There were no communications at this meeting.

Recreation Director Report

Finances

Gary stated current fund has remained unchanged since our last meeting. There was approximately \$88,000 in the trust account, but now there is a balance of approximately \$20,000.

Park Related

Gary stated Little League started last weekend and had a very successful opening day. Gary has received some complaints about the amount of weeds at Vara Field and will be taking care of them. Rick asked what we are charging Little League to use the field. Gary replied he has waived the field usage fee for Little League since they donated hundreds of hours for field maintenance and are paying someone to manicure the field. Little League installed piping to eliminate the third baseline drainage issue at Steinhardt Field and purchased a batting cage for all teams to use.

The Serbo team played their first game. They have been building the mound before the game and taking it down after. Both girls and men's softball started. Rick noted the outfield net is not up yet. Gary replied it is not an issue for that team and that he spoke to Adam about it earlier today. The men's team plays two nights a week until the end of August, with the hope of bringing the entire league to the borough. The men's softball team plays two nights per week.

Gary stated all swimming related purchases and/or tasks are on hold pending Council's decision whether to open the pool this year or not.

Secretary Report

Ann stated sign-ups for swimming lessons have been very low, receiving only about a third of what was received last year. Ann requested and received volunteers to help with the upcoming signups for soccer, field hockey and karate. If the pool will open this season, forms will also be available for swim team, swim lessons and pool memberships.

Program Liaison Reports

Men's Basketball

Paula asked if anyone was hired to oversee men's basketball. Gary replied he is in the process of hiring someone.

Swim Team

Rick stated the swim team association is very upset with the pool situation.

New Business

Council Budget Presentation Update

Gary stated he originally reported to council we had \$88,000. At the last meeting he told them that was incorrect and that we only have between \$15-20,000 and told them we need to find out where the money was spent. Rick asked how much it costs to run the programs. Gary replied approximately \$121,500 including water, insurance and salaries.

Shade Tree Grant

Gary stated the Shade Tree Commission received a \$7,000 grant to trim or remove approximately 13 trees in the Fall.

Unfinished Business

Oakwood Lanes Bowling Program

Gary reported he has not received any information from Rob Plenge to date.

Men's Softball

This was discussed earlier.

Will of Jean Davis

Gary has no new information.

Washington Emergency Squad's 75th Anniversary

Gary has nothing new to report.

Community Garden Update

Gary urged all members to take a look at the garden. They are ready to go and did an outstanding job. The fence is up, field is plowed and they laid pathways. The Road Department helped them deliver six trucks of horse manure. Thirty six volunteers from Comcast were there to help last Saturday. Approximately 25 plots have been sold.

New Youth Baseball Program

Gary has nothing new to report.

Men's Baseball

Gary stated their first game will be on May 30th under the lights.

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 stated Mike Terminelli and Sam Knudsen are interested in running the program. Participant’s ages will be discussed, but they are thinking of starting with adults. Possible NFL monies may be available.

Senior Programs – Nothing new

Disc Golf – Nothing New

Bus Trip – Nothing New

Dance – Nothing New

Bowling – Gary proposed at our last meeting a 2-week camp to include bowling in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. This is on hold until a decision is made by Council regarding the pool.

2010 Fee Schedule

Gary stated Council has tentatively approved the fee schedule he submitted.

Committee Comments

Erica stated she has her order ready for the Arts & Crafts program. Gary stated he was told not to expend any money on the swim program right now. If they approve the pool opening, the earliest it can open is June 17th due to the setback.

Rick asked what was happening with the Swim Program Committee. Gary replied they are looking for ways to fund the pool. They spoke to Belvidere and the YMCA and discussed putting a dome on the pool in the future. They also considered limited hours and adding evening swim lessons. Gary emphasized this is not a Recreation Department committee, but rather a group of individuals.

Paula noted the swim team schedule has already been set and asked what would happen to them if the pool doesn’t open. Rick replied they will have to re-do everything, taking us out and stated it would be hard for the swimmers to find another town to swim for at this time.

Recreation Director Comments

Gary stated Terry Finnegan would like to add a sportsmanship pledge to the soccer registration form. Gary will review and make a decision.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 p.m. by Paula Aron, seconded by Erica Kilkinney.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff