

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Minutes
May 26, 2010

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, by Recreation Director Gary Masenior at 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance were committee members Rick Feldman and Erica Kilkinney. Beth Uporsky arrived at 7:35, Adam Zimmer arrived at 7:40 and Candy DeFillippis arrived at 8:00. Paula Aron and Council liaison Scott McDonald were absent. A quorum was not present at the start of this meeting.

Review of Past Minutes

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

Audience Participation

There was no audience present at this meeting.

Communications

There were no communications at this meeting.

Recreation Director Report

Finances

Gary stated there is \$50,547 available in the current account with \$13,919 of that being designated for salaries. There is \$28,412 available in the trust account. Rick asked if the secretary could provide the committee with a report showing where the money is. Gary explained the CFO is moving money into one line item so he can put it where it is needed. We will keep track of where the money is coming in from. As he understands it, the money in the trust account will not be touched by the borough.

Park Related

Gary had nothing new to report.

Secretary Report

Ann stated there are currently 10 participants for karate which starts on Friday, 97 swim team participants, 47 pool members, 153 swim lesson participants 137 soccer participants and 4 participants for field hockey. A coach is still needed for our field hockey program.

Program Liaison Reports

Girls Softball

Beth stated the All Star Game is scheduled for June 13th. Gary and Beth discussed the park lights that are not working. Beth has one more make-up game to schedule.

Men's Baseball

Adam stated the team's record is 5 and 2. They are in second place a quarter of the way thru the season. Adam has begun giving forms for the home run derby. He has 14 confirmed with more to come. Adam asked if he can have a beer garden at the event if he gets a one-day liquor license. Gary will look into this.

New Business

Proposed Budget Reductions

Gary stated a motion was made at the last council meeting by Jeanine Gleba to reduce our swim program and adult basketball salaries, and operating expenses for street hockey, karate youth basketball, girls softball and soccer from the current account since these programs are self funding. She would also like to remove all money for non-revenue programs such as the egg hunt, movies in the park, tree lighting, house decorating contest and 4th of July celebration. This is a total of \$25,791 reduction as presented. The plan would be to raise funds to support the programs. Gary stated he already reduced the swim program by \$15,000 and will explain to Council this cannot be reduced any further. Gary feels adult basketball is not an issue as the revenue can cover the cost of the coordinator's salary. Gary feels we cannot allow further reductions because 1) he already took money out of the swim program salaries and wages and 2) we received less than half the money we collected last year due to council procrastinating on making a decision on the pool. Specifically, we received \$4,115 to date in pool memberships vs. \$23,365 last year; \$7,360 to date in swim lesson revenue vs. \$13,265 last year; and \$7,680 to date in swim team revenue vs. \$9,520 last year. A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Adam Zimmer, to support Gary's decision not to reduce fees based on the reasons stated by Gary. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Oakwood Lanes Bowling Program

Adam stated Rob Plenge is currently downsizing and will get back to him with a flyer for the swim/bowling program.

Men's Softball

Gary stated the men are playing two nights per week with the hope of expanding the program. Adam feels they should be required to have the nets up before playing.

Will of Jean Davis

Gary has no new information.

Shade Tree Grant

Gary stated this has been postponed until the end of the season.

Community Garden Update

Gary stated the garden is doing very well. There is an article in the paper about it.

Blue Streaks Youth Baseball

Gary stated the team has two more home games and then the play-offs.

Men's Baseball

Gary stated he spoke to the Borough Manager regarding the netting and learned we can use the fire truck to put the nets up as the truck is insured and registered. Adam may be able to do it tomorrow, but he is waiting to hear back from someone.

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. Beth asked if there is a fee for using the park. Gary replied there is nothing set up yet. Beth feels we should talk about setting up fees for the future.

New Program Proposals

5K Run – Paula has no new information.

Peeps Are People Too – Gary has no new information.

Flag Football – Gary has nothing new to report.

Senior Programs – Nothing new

Disc Golf – Nothing New

Bus Trip – Nothing New

Dance – Nothing New

Boys & Girls Bowling / Summer Camp Program – Gary is waiting for Rob Plenge to get back to him.

Committee Comments

Adam urged everyone to come see a Gravedigger game.

Recreation Director Comments

Gary had no further comments.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:27 p.m. by Rick Feldman, seconded by Adam Zimmer.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff