

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda
4 May 2011
7:00 PM

Roll Call

- Present: April Tull, Des Fitzgerald, Christina Howley, Penny Shaul, Victor Cioni. Mike Nachbaur,
- Absent: Adam Zimmer, Erica KilKinney

Minutes of prior meeting

- <Approved / Approved with Changes > none
- Changes: none

Audience Participation

- Discussion
- Boy Scout from troop 146. He is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout and is planning his Eagle Scout project. He would like to make his Project to be about him giving back to the community. He is 15yrs. Old now and the project has to be complete by the time he is 18yrs. Old. Project would consist of him fundraising to raise money for the materials to build some new benches and picnic tables for the Borough Park around the pool. He is thinking of using recycled plastic material so it would be long lasting and low maintenance. If the Project is approved he would like to start raising the money in the fall so the project could possibly start in the fall and wrap up in the spring for the 2012 pool season.
- Committee support Vote for this Project from Isaac Quelly – All in favor total 6
- Audience Participation closed at 7:25

Communications

- To/From Committee
- Certificate of Participation will be given to every business or Family that donates to the Recreation Department
- Des will look into what the soccer field at Vara was treated with last year and by whom. Vara field needs to be better conditioned.
- Votes will be taken and the tallies will be added from this point on in the minutes of the recreation meeting. So it is better tracked as to what the votes are.
- Looking into pricing on T-shirts for all the Recreation sports to sell to Participants as a fundraiser as well.
- Shirts for all Recreation members will be ordered for events and outings related to recreation.
- Sport Liaisons are not required to attend any on site registrations held by any outside organizations (ex. Soccer, Youth Baseball). No monies are to be handled by volunteers and if a signup date(s) is advertised any monies along with the forms must be placed in the vestibule drop box or mailed in by the participant. Liaisons should be at some games to observe and be sure things don't need attention. And are responsible to raise monies needed to support the sport as best they can. Lastly, liaisons are responsible for submitting a written year-end report of their sport(s) detailing what worked, what didn't and ideas to make it better the next season.

REPORTS

- Rec Director Report- Pool house bathroom partitions are down @ the new ones will be installed May 23 By Benco a contractor based in Wayne NJ
- Food inspector will be meeting with Des at the concession stand by the end of this week for clarification of where the grill and fryer will need to be.
- Railroad Ties are being placed on the edges of the parking lot and mulch is being laid to help lower some man hours of weed whacking steep areas at the park. .
- Wall and floor paint are ordered for the pool.
- Drainage on Steinhart & Vera field will be worked on the 3rd week in July. DPW will open the drainage trench on a Friday and Washington Borough Youth Baseball volunteers will place the crushed stone and pipe in the hole to create the flow for the Drainage and DPW will be back that Monday to fill in the trench. We have commitment for the pipe and the crushed stone for this project. Thank you to Veolia Company for donating both.
- Replacement of the pool house pump and well pump are complete
- Report From Council Meeting- Beth, Des and Penny where present at the meeting. Beth gave the recommendation to the council from the Recreation Committee. Town wide yard sale is set for September 10 with a rain date of September 17.

Old Business

Park and Pool improvement ideas –

- Interview with Steve Novak of the Express Times about an article on the pool for 2011 season.
- Open house scheduled for June 11th from Noon to 6pm, Free admission and reduced food prices. All information is on the Borough Website
- Thank you to NJAW (New Jersey American Water) for the offer to donate the pool water again this season if needed. New Well Pump installed and is working perfectly so we likely will not need NJAW to donate.
- Pool marketing mailer should be mailed sometime in mid-May
- Double sided ad to be in the June 1st delivery of the Messenger
- Recreation Ordinance and Bylaws – to be completed after Council adopts the new Commission ordinance

New Business

- New Program Proposals
- Water Zumba for the summer months .Looking into an instructor. Discussion

SPORTS PROGRAMS: Reports

Adult Basketball - Men's Basketball:

- Uploaded a new Men's Basketball Sponsor form to the Website (none existed before)
- Changed the registration deadline to June 1st
- Met with Bob Eckle to see how the program was run in the past as **no** records were kept other than membership forms
- Submitted the Basketball season league details to the Hunterdon Democrat to advertise for free
- Basketball sign up ad in the Messenger for free (page 4, May 2011 issue)
- Reached out to all HS Boys Basketball Coaches 4/22/11 Warren Hills, Phillipsburg, Easton, North Hunterdon, Hackettstown, Voorhees – no responses as yet
- Posted a reminder on the Facebook page
- Working with Desmond on lining up referees.
- Considering calling past members from 2008 – 2010 from the #'s on their applications
- Youth Basketball – Clinic will be held May 21&22 Hosted by Rutgers as a fundraiser for the 2011 Basketball season.
- Youth Street Hockey- Completed for the season
- Youth Softball –underway nothing new to report
- Swim Team – Parent meeting May 5th Swim-a-long Fundraiser July 14th&15th & Bowling fundraiser set for June 4th 6-8pm @ Oakwood Lanes
- Youth Soccer -
- Field Hockey – Nothing to report
- Swim Lessons (coordinated/Updates) – Nothing to Report
- Adult Swim Aerobics- Looking into instructors
- Weekly Summer Teen Party-June through August every Wednesdays from 8-10:30 pm DJ is scheduled.

OTHER PROGAMS: Reports

- Game Day
- 3 on 3
- 5K Run
- Bid Bazaar- June 11th Recreation Department will be present .With crafts for the kids and registration/info on all Recreation sports and events.

Volunteer Days May 19th, 20th, 21st:

- Working with Webmaster on email blast and link to a page with the Volunteer days details
- April is working with Christina on the High School contact for kids that might have Saturday detention that can do the volunteering instead
- Will ask for volunteers at the next Rec meeting to help solicit donations of flower flats for planting around pool and other areas.
- Send Volunteer information to WBYB league asking them if they would distribute to their email contacts

- Sent letter to Council asking them to join us at the park to volunteer (May 3rd Agenda)
- Listed Volunteer details on Washington Borough Recreation Facebook page
- Email sent out to Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders asking for volunteer assistance 4/23 – Thank you to Andrew Turner for assisting me in this. Isaac Quelly from Troop 146 was in attendance and had not heard about the Volunteer day from his Scout Master but offered to bring it up at the next meeting

Website

- Changes Needed / Changes Made

Comments

- Committee Comments- Vera field needs to be looked at closer to be presentable.
- Recreation Chairman Comments

Michael and Victor left at 9PM

Adjourn **10:15**