

# Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey

## Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

### June 15st - 7:00 PM

#### **Roll Call**

- Present: Recreation Director Desmond Fitzgerald, Chairperson Beth Uporsky, Vice Chair Victor Cioni, Secretary April Tull, Michael Nacbaur, Adam Zimmer
- Absent: Penny Shaul, Erica Kilkenny

#### **Minutes of prior meeting**

- <Approved / Approved with Changes > Minutes of June 1<sup>st</sup> approved – all in favor
- Changes: None

#### **Audience Participation**

- Discussion:

#### **Communications**

- To/From Committee - None

#### **REPORTS**

- Rec Director Report
  - All Rail Road ties have been removed by DPW
  - All of the parking lot has been swept by the sweeper
  - Mulch piles have been moved and the mulch spread on the Baseball Field side will be continually evened out for a better appearance. There will be no mulch on the pedestrian side of the Baseball Field fence
  - Pool Open house was a bit of a rainout, however the time was spent productively doing last minute cleanup and organizing the pool staff.
    - Vice Chair Cioni suggested next year having a rain date of the next day (Sunday)

#### **Old Business**

- Park and Pool
  - Pool status
    - Pool has passed the Counties test and we are set to open, officially June 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Pool Vacuum (circles the pool bottom) was fixed and is working perfectly. Desmond is ordering additional Filters
    - Patio for grill still not complete – ongoing project to be completed soon.
- Recreation Ordinance and Bylaws
  - Discussion of draft – Tabled until passage of new Commission Ordinance
    - Beth stated that she will send each Liaison their respective sport to complete for the new manual being created.
- WB Little League Summer Program/clinic
- Warren County Warriors 12U Travel Team
- Drainage work at Vara/Steinhardt fields (Desmond)

- Meeting was agreed to be held at Vara Field Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 8AM including the Rec Director, John Burd, Kevin Stoudt, RJ Sherman, Dave Hackney, with Manager Phelan optional. Work should commence on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Street Hockey (Michael)
  - Michael has secured both Taylor Street and Memorial Schools for next season. Mike will enforce use of Hockey Stick guards to protect the gym floors.
- Other
  - Vice Chair Cioni recommended that each Liaison be responsible for preparing a detailed inventory of all sports equipment they are responsible for.
    - This would include condition of equipment as well as what needs to be purchased and replaced for next season
    - Replacement equipment would be priced out via Morris County Co-op that the Borough belongs to.
    - Victor will speak with Manager Phelan about clearing space at Borough Hall for transfer of all sports equipment from Grandstand (except needed Baseball/Softball equipment for games/practices)
    - Beth mentioned she has an excellent inventory form she will share with the committee liaisons

## **New Business**

- State of the Parks discussion
  - Pool
    - Pool Open House – What worked, what didn't, how do we improve?
    - Official Pool Opening day
      - All maintenance items completed, all staffing completed.
    - Compressor Pump issue/Routine Maintenance
      - Compressor pump has not been properly maintained and will be replaced at the end of the season. The old pump will be rebuilt to serve as a backup. Estimated cost of new pump \$3,500
      - Desmond will complete a detailed maintenance schedule of all pool equipment post pool season.
  - Concession Stand status (Desmond)
    - Up and running – still need a detailed menu/pricing sign
  - Patio Status (Desmond)
    - Ongoing, to be completed soon
  - New Park and Pool Sign for Broad Street entrance (Victor)
    - Final details being worked on – Rotary to sponsor
  - Pool Way finding signs for Downtown area (G) (Victor)
    - Discussions with Kiwanis to donate
    - Getting final pricing
  - Picture waiver
    - Desmond approved, all forms modified and posted
- New Program Proposals:
  - Beer Festival at the park (Michael and Victor)
    - Discussed but will likely be moved to Spring 2012 or Fall of that year. It is a big endeavor that has a lot of moving parts to coordinate. More updates to follow as the summer season winds down.
    - Sue Sloan had objections to having the word 'Beer' in the advertising as she feels it will attract drunks and drunken behavior.

## **SPORTS PROGRAMS: Reports**

- Youth Softball (Beth) –
  - All Star Game June 12<sup>th</sup>: what worked, what didn't, how do we improve?
- Swim Team (Beth) –
  - Practice Start Date
  - Swim meet preparations
- Youth Soccer (Penny) –
  - No Updates
- Field Hockey (Mike) –
  - Mike reported we have 8 registered for Field Hockey

## **OTHER PROGRAMS: Reports**

- Game Day (Penny) – No report
- 3 on 3 – NTR (Beth)
- 5K Run (Adam)
- Senior Splash (Victor)
  - Waiting on Borough Council for approval
- Teen Pool Party (Victor)
  - Waiting on Borough Council for approval

## **Website**

• Changes Needed / Changes Made – All pertinent sign up forms have been updated and posted to reflect picture waiver

## **Comments**

- Committee Comments
- Recreation Chairman Comments

