

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 5th - 7:00 PM

Roll Call

- Present: Victor Cioni, Adam Zimmer, Mike Nachbaur, Christina Howley, Des Fitzgerald, Jeanine Gleba, Jeff Haines and Melissa Hommes (Jessica Olmos was in the audience)
- Absent:

Minutes of prior meeting

- <Approved / Approved with Changes > Minutes of 9/21/11,
- Changes: No changes but send out prior to meeting – all approved

Audience Participation

- Discussion: no audience

Communications

- To/From Committee
 - Washington Borough Recreation Committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Chair Beth Uporsky. Beth had resigned for personal reasons.
 - Vice Chair will be acting Chair for the remainder of the Calendar year. All agree
 - We welcome 2 new Recreation Members (Jeff Haines and Melissa Hommes)

REPORTS

- Rec Director Report – (attached)
 - Adam spoke on Baseball next year (Adult) – they are on track for next year if the needed renovations to the field are made. Adam discussed in a separate meeting. Des stated that some will get done in the fall the rest in the spring.
 - Councilwoman Gleba mentioned the indoor sports arena in Hackettstown. Des explained that he met with the owner and will also reach out to Kevin Thompson from Gibson's Gym.
 - Des explained the variance of the stadium lighting costs. Manager Phelan had confirmed with JCP&L on the costs. We will make recommendations to Council to adjust the fee schedule.
- Report From Council Meetings (Jeanine)
 - Councilwoman Gleba welcomed the 2 new members.
 - Councilwoman Gleba mentioned about Beth's resignation and that certain Council members are OPRA requesting her resignation letter.
 - Adam also received the resignation letter directly from Beth.

Old Business

- Drainage work at Vara/Steinhardt fields
 - Updates: No updates, Des has reached out to RJ for an update but as of today he had not heard back. DPW smoothed out existing drainage work done, one trench still remaining to be dug.
- Reminder – Submission of budget items due (October 5th)
 - Bill Smith provided a budget for Youth Basketball
 - Jeff asked – **To be completed by Jeff and Des**
- Reminder – Rec Director annual review
 - Due by end of October (Adam, Mike, Victor)

New Business

- 2011 Pool Handout of what was presented to Council
- Discussions
 - Begin work on fee structure for 2012
 - Liaison Reports (Baseball (youth and adult), Soccer, Street Hockey, Swim Team: *See below*

SPORTS PROGRAMS: Reports

- Swim Team (TBD): Des to meet with Christine Thompson
- Youth Soccer (Victor):
 - Updated lights schedule for October and November was obtained through Terry Finnegan and adjustments were made accordingly to accommodate the Soccer teams
- Field Hockey (Mike):
 - One makeup game to be played. Mike is coordinating that game with the coaches. Exploring Monday night as an option if Readington cannot have it at its field.
- Street Hockey (Mike)
 - Good contacts from Mansfield made, elementary schools, Oxford, Franklin and Good Sheppard Academy for level in interest. Councilwoman Gleba also suggested St. Mary's (they only have Basketball and Track).
 - Des, Mike and Bill Smith met to discuss schedules
- Youth Basketball signups
 - Ongoing. Deadline for signups without a late fee is November 1st.
 - Mike has created fliers/signup form for distribution to area schools.
 - K-2 Basketball clinic at Taylor Street school (Thursday night's from 6-7pm), 10 sessions. There are 2 nets at Taylor Street that are adjustable so the clinic would be capped at 20 kids. Minimum of 10 kids to start it.
 - Mike motioned to move forward with clinic. Adam seconded, all agreed.
 - Also, Mike discussed that no Coaches can coordinate switching schedules. All schedules will be coordinated with the liaison and the liaison will coordinate with Mr. Roza.
 - Adam offered to help Mike out as needed.
- Little League (Adam):
 - WBYB will have a meeting on October 20th
 - WBYB has not yet submitted a yearend report.
- Girls Softball – Jeff Haines has agreed to become the liaison
 - Jeff has some open questions for Des on fee's and will meet separately
 - Jeff also asked which fields can be utilized.
 - Des stated Memorial, Vara and Boro Park
 - Jeff also stated that we should fulfill all 4 playing levels in 2012.
 - Jeff also asked if they get businesses to sponsor a sport do we need Council approval. Answer was no but no signage advertising would be allowed.

Website

- Changes Needed / Changes Made
 - Updated the Youth Basketball Registration form and uploaded it to the website
 - Updated Street hockey registration form (deadline)
 - Christina will send Victor the Basketball clinic flier before Friday to post on Website
 - Victor will update the Website with the new members Contact information.

Comments

- Committee Comments
 - Victor Cioni: We have about 130 Facebook 'Friends' now
 - Adam welcomed the new members
 - Councilwoman Gleba asked Des about the proposed park maintenance plan that was handed out. Des commented that it is a work in progress and late season staffing is an issue. Des, is working out details with Rich Phelan.

- Jeff asked how Recreation funds would be used. Answer: all monies received by recreation stays in Recreation trust.
- Recreation Chairman Comments
- New Liaisons:
 - Men's Softball – Adam will do it and speak with commissioner of that league to see if they can play again in 2012. Adam will try to speak with the commissioner next week (October 10th).
 - Baseball netting would need to be put up for both Baseball and Softball season
 - Adam to meet with Des after speaking with the commissioner and with Jeff to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts.

 - Karate – Melissa

 - Swim Team - TBD

Adjourn: 8:30pm