

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

Roll Call

- Present: Victor Cioni, Jeff Haines, Melissa Hommes, Mike Nachbaur; Des Fitzgerald, Jessica Olmos
- Absent: Jeanine Gleba, Adam Zimmer

Minutes of prior meeting

- <Approved / Approved with Changes > Minutes of 11/02/11
- Changes: None, minutes approved, motion by Jeff, second by Mike

Audience Participation

- Discussion: No one in audience, motion to close audience Jeff, second by Mike

Communications

- To/From Committee
 - Proclamation for Sal Barillari – Youth Soccer Coach
 - Certificate of Appreciation – Washington Borough Rotary
 - Re-Organization meeting dates (the Committee needs to decide on the day of the week to meet and the schedule for 2012).
 - Committee decided that we can meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month, final dates will be decided at Re-org.
 - Committee agrees they wish Jeanine Gleba continue as Rec Liaison if her schedule permits.

REPORTS



Director's Report -
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- Rec Director Report -
- Report From Council Meetings (Jeanine)
 - Via email:
 - At the Council meeting last night some of the Council members requested the information again regarding counts, expenses versus profits etc. for all of the programs.

After you approve the spreadsheet at tonight's meeting please forward the final version to either the manager who can send it to all of Council or you can send it to me to forward to them later this week.

Also Councilman Boyle mentioned that he wants to reintroduce an ordinance in the beginning of the year setting min. and max fees that would satisfy concerns.

- And Councilman Torres for public record read the article that was recently in the Express Times regarding the above ordinance and stated that he did not agree with some of the statements in the article.
- Committee comments: Mike questioned why the swim team \$ was lower. Answer: Some refunds were given and we had less out of town participants
- All approve the 2010 vs 2011 to be distributed to Council

Old Business

- Drainage work at Vara/Steinhardt fields
 - DPW should be able to assist in early January when the ground is frozen and they have completed the storm damage removal.
- Reminder – Rec Director annual review
 - (Due by end of December to Manager Phelan).
- Fee structure for 2012

- Voted down at previous Council meeting (11/14). To be re-introduced 01/03/12 meeting
- Due to the resulting delay the committee is asking to waive the 60 day process
- Jeff had some concerns around the field usage fee for Softball program and will speak with Des separately.
- Sign for Broad street entrance
 - New sign installation completed.
- Sports Manual updates
 - Ongoing; still need the following sports completed (by the end of December):
 - Street Hockey – Mike, still editing but will be by end of year
 - Karate – Melissa, she will be sending Victor her draft for review
 - Youth Softball – Jeff, waiting for league updates
 - Youth Basketball – Mike has not had a chance to start it but will get the information from Bill Smith
 - Swim Team – Jesica, draft compiled by end of year
 - Men’s Baseball – Adam: N/A
 - Youth Baseball – Adam: N/A
 - Men’s Softball – Adam: N/A

Des asked the Committee to consider whether men’s baseball season for 2012 due to the expenses that would be incurred to upgrade the field, hang netting, etc. Per Des, Adam has not responded to multiple requests to meet to discuss. The Committee members feel that because budgets are due and we have not had any response from Adam on costs, we will not go forward with Men’s Baseball for the 2012 season. Motion to approve: Made by Mike, seconded by Jeff. Vote called, all approved.

● New Business

- Discussions
 - Holiday decorating contest: Committee decided to postpone until 2012. We were unable to find any documentation on how the contest was run and the prizes were paid for out of recreation, not donations. Motion to postpone to 2012: Mike, second Melissa seconded. All approved (5-0). Council decree that programs have to be self funded so unless these prizes are donated we cannot have this program.
 - Park Maintenance items for remainder of year
 - Matt has been working with DPW on storm damage removal so we do not have a resource to do park maintenance. Jeff asked about the damaged trees at the park, Des stated they will be handled last, probably in January.
 - Updates on Grandstand lighting
 - John Dorsch still has not gotten back to Des as yet. Des feels this is a priority
 - Youth Basketball Clinic – Borough Park
 - Victor has discussed with Warren Hills Basketball coach (Stan Kubbishun). Looking to have the clinic around Mid June 2012 pending approval of the fee ordinance.
 - 5K run – Jes
 - Presentation on 5K run/walk will be April first, 2012. Jes will resend to committee.
 - Tennis Clinic Discussion
 - (Ralph Fiore) – Has been in touch with Victor about a tentative clinic in the Spring/Summer

SPORTS PROGRAMS: Liaison Reports

- Swim Team (Jesica)

- Swim Team is deciding on having an Open House after February at the Fire Hall. Goal is to attract new people from outside towns like Mansfield, Oxford, etc. Advertise the event via Newspapers, Schools, presentations, etc.
- Jessica also wants to speak with Andrew Ward who helped coach the swim team this year on presentation ideas while he is home on Winter break.
- Youth Soccer (Victor):
 - Victor has had no luck in meeting with Terry Finnegan on a season recap. He will keep trying.
- Field Hockey (Mike):
 - Mike still needs to sit down with his coach to discuss end of season recap. Probably in January. Mike did meet with all of the Warren Hills Field Hockey league directors meeting (President Dave Dempsey stepped down as current president). They will have another meeting (Joe Flynn is the new president) in February to discuss how referees will be paid in 2012.
- Street Hockey (Mike)
 - As of now we have 56 kids. January 9th are the 1st practices at Taylor Street school. Skills assessment is set up at Memorial School on December 13th.
 - Mike will be asking Christina Howley this week to repost it to the schools and a flyer to be distributed as well. Superintendent needs the notice by Thursday.
 - K-3 age group will likely need to be changed as we do not have sufficient participants.
- Youth Basketball signups (Mike)
 - Basketball season starts in January, practices have already started.
 - All coaches are in place via Bill Smith
- Little League (Adam)
 - Not present
- Karate (Melissa)
 - Karate session 1 starts Jan 6th. 1st 2 meetings are at the Fire Hall, 3rd is at the Dojo. Starts at 6:30-7:30
 - Melissa to create a flyer for Karate and have Christina Howley to distribute to the schools.
 - Victor to send Paul K an email to clarify some items.
- K-2 Basketball Clinic (Mike)
 - Clinic is full and Mike feels it will be 2 separate sessions.
 - Clinic starts Jan 12th at Taylor Street (one meeting per week, 10 sessions)
- Adult Softball (Adam)
- Adult Baseball (Adam)
- Girls Softball
 - We need replacement uniforms (AllSports had the best price). Order will be put in to All Sports by February

Website

- Changes Needed / Changes Made
 - Rotary sign donation pictures posted on the Recreation Home Page

Comments

- Committee Comments
 - None
 - Des brought up the inclusion on the fee ordinance of an in town and out of town rate for Council. He also brought up trial membership coupon for 5 visits and if they join it would be deducted from their rate.
 - Des also noted that the Senior rate revised back to \$0 for Boro and non Borough.
 - Des also will bring back the family max for all sports programs. Full price for 2, 1/2 for 3rd and no charge after that.
 - Mike noted we should change the min max for movies to the park from 0-\$50, also holiday decorating contest \$0-\$50
 - All in favor of these changes: All in favor 5-0 to make the above changes

- Recreation Chairman Comments
 - Special thank you to all the Committee members for all of their efforts this year as well as our Recreation Secretary Christina Howley and our Recreation Director Des Fitzgerald for a great first year!

Adjourn
9:30PM.