

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
March 28th - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00p.m.

Opening 7:04p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Victor Cioni read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Roll Call

- Present: Jeff Haines, Tim Shanahan, Melissa Hommes, Jesica Olmos, Adam Zimmer, Victor Cioni, Michael Nachbaur arrived at 7:08pm
- Also Present: Des Fitzgerald, Christina Howley, Scott McDonald

Minutes of Prior Meetings

Adam Zimmer motioned to approve the minutes from the 3/14/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Melissa Hommes. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Victor Cioni Abstained. Motion carried.

Audience Participation

No audience participation.

Adam Zimmer motioned to end the audience participation portion. Seconded by Melissa Hommes. Ayes: 6 Nays:0 Motion carried.

Recreation Director’s Report

- Bathrooms at the grandstand – water will be on some time next week. Finished sanding the floors today. Des wants to paint all floors at the park at the same time. Jeff will reach out to RJ to find out if there will be a 2nd port a john and when we can move ours.
- Grandstand lighting – should be \$1000. Victor would like to solicit estimates from other vendors if John Dorsch can’t get to it this Spring.
Adam Zimmer motioned to solicit local electricians for grandstand and pavilion lighting not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded by Melissa Hommes. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion carried.
- Pool Badges – Victor likes the idea of badges, would like to see a firm cost. Tabled until next meeting when we can have a firm cost of the badges.
- Sunshine Tree and Landscape put their granular weed and feed on Vara Field and on Boro Park. Baseball/Softball opening day is April 21st. Michael asked if Soccer has slit seed Vara Field. Christina will reach out to Terry Finnegan to find out.
- Pump house roof replacement starts on Monday April 2nd.
- J&M Air finally got their business license renewed and will hopefully get started soon.
- Topsoil at the pool – whatever is left over should be moved to Vara to cover up the trench work – this April.

Old Business

- Easter Egg Hunt. Melissa did an amazing job. Melissa also needs two folding tables and signs posted for the various age groups. Have some spare eggs for younger kids who didn't get any eggs.
- Background Check Discussion – No feedback yet from the code book review committee. Update after their next meeting.
- Draft By Laws. Victor made two changes. First, on page 5, “He/She will work under the direct supervision of the Recreation Commission.” Second, on page 8 section 7 All Borough equipment is restricted to use by Borough employees ONLY, except in circumstances that are permitted and agreed to by the majority of the Commission by vote. Any non-Borough Employee (Volunteer) will be required to attend a training session on that piece of equipment. Equipment will not be able to be used until the training has been completed to the satisfaction of the Recreation Director. Also, the equipment use, in cases as described prior, can only be used in accordance with an agreed to schedule with the Recreation Director.
Adam Zimmer motioned to send By Laws to council for review and approval Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion carried.

New Business

- Adam Zimmer stated that an active member of men's softball was diagnosed with colon cancer. There will be a softball tournament and the proceeds will go towards his medical costs. Adam suggested we have the field cost donated along with the cost of the lights.
Jeff Haines motioned to waive field fee and cost of the lights for tournament fundraiser. Seconded by Jessica Olmos. Ayes: 6 Nays:0 Zimmer abstained. Motion carried.

Sports Programs

- 5k. Jessica would like to hold it on the first Saturday of October which is the 6th. Jessica was concerned about bathroom facilities for the 5k. The race is starting and finishing at Boro Hall. Christina will check with Kristine Blanchard to make sure it is ok to use the facilities inside Boro Hall.
- Swim Team Bowling fundraiser will be held April 21st. Des reached out to Fay Peticari to see if she was interested in returning as head coach.
- Soccer – Weed and feed was done at Vara by Sunshine this week to bring Vara up to par. Victor secured a donation from Warren Hills Funeral Home for a replacement sign at Vara Field.
- Street Hockey – Tuesday, March 27th was the last day for the older kids. Coaches work schedules for the younger kids did not work out towards the end and it ended earlier than anticipated. Season ending banquet is April 5th 6pm til 730pm at Memorial. Shop Rite will donate \$ for goods to the party. If pizza place donations don't happen, people attending will have to pay a small fee for the pizza.
- Youth Basketball – both clinic and the 3rd grade thru 6th grade teams have ended. Mike would like to store the basketballs in the vacant police station.
- Youth Baseball – Skills clinics were held at Memorial. Majors have started practice. Rest of the teams should start by the first week in April. Opening day is April 21st. Adam stated that RJ and Dave prefer not to communicate with him. Victor secured a donation from Warren Liquors for a replacement sign at Steinhardt Field.

- Girls Softball – Practices have started and everything is going well. Waiting on schedules from the league. Snack bar at grandstand isn't worth it for chips and sodas. According to the Board of Health if you serve food, you must have a hand washing station. Jeff will find out the cost associated with getting this done.
- Karate – 25 participants in session 2, going well.
- Adult Softball – Men's softball using Meadowbreeze this season
- Adult Baseball – playing in Alpha again. It was suggested to build the cost of hanging nets into the fee if any groups were interested in playing at Boro Park. If we do nets again, we need to do the nets the right way. It could help get other organizations into the park and earn profits.
- Men's Basketball – Victor working with Bob Eckel. No registrations so far. If no teams this year, men's basketball could be gone forever. Bob Eckel will run the league if it happens.
- Tennis Clinic – starts July 23rd with June 15th as the sign up date. Minimum of ten participants needed and maximum of 20. We will get the rackets from AllSports. Ages 8-11. Christina will get the flyers out to Memorial in May.
- Pool – ADA lift should be installed soon. Christina will find out the exact location.

Website – Changes Needed

None noted.

Commission Comments

- Pavilion tables need to be bolted down by D.P.W. The tables are flipped upside down and moved to the baseball field on a daily basis. The commission would like to add security lighting to the pavilion as well as the grandstand.
- Victor has had discussion with Ron Pantuso, an area police officer, regarding a grant for security cameras. Victor asked that he add a couple of cameras for the park (the pavilion area, dugouts and playset).

Adjournment

Adam Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm, seconded by Melissa Hommes.

Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **8:19PM**