

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
April 25th - 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 7:07p.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: Adam Zimmer, Tim Shanahan, Jesica Olmos, Victor Cioni, Michael Nachbaur (7:14)
- Absent: Jeff Haines, Melissa Hommes
- Also Present: Des Fitzgerald, Scott McDonald, Christina Howley

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Tim Shanahan motioned to approve the minutes from the 4/11/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Jesica Olmos. Ayes: 4 Nays:0 Minutes approved, motion carried.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni motioned to open the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Motion carried.
- Victor Cioni motioned to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Motion carried.

Communications

- None.

Recreation Director’s Report

- Des spoke about the water wheel. DPW has done some repairs to it to get it up and running. The hose still needs to be tested
- John Dorsch and the pavilion lighting. Des will check tonight to see if the sensor that is there is still working/functional. Either use it or fix it.
Pool badges. Badges are approximately 41 cents so 500 badges = \$200. Daystrips are \$41 for 1,000. Adam Zimmer motioned to move forward with purchase of the badges. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Report from Council Liaison

- Background check discussion – nothing yet. There has not been a meeting yet.

Old Business

- New signs for Vara and Steinhardt – Both have been put up and look great. Thanks to Frank Blanche for installing them so quickly and thanks to Warren County Liquors and the Warren Hills Memorial Home for donating them.
- Kiwanis may donate new park and pool sign replacing existing sign on Route 31 side. Vic will get in touch with Kay from Kiwanis for an update.

New Business

5k run signage and costs associated. Scott from Award Signs gave Jessica a price of 25 signs for \$163. They are 18x24 one color, one side corrugated cardboard. Also, the domain name would be www.boro5k.com Hosting of this website could be done through City Connections at no additional cost to the Borough. Both the signs and the domain name would be used year after year. Adam Zimmer motioned that we go all out on signage and domain name for the 5k. Seconded by Jessica Olmos. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Sports Programs

- Swim Team - Bowling fundraiser had 33 people participating. A few older kids on the swim team may be moving to a more competitive team such as Easton. Priority #1 is for the Swim Team to find a qualified head coach and make sure everyone knows who it is and what their qualifications are.
- Youth Soccer – Des and Vic met with Terry Finnegan. Still need to run the water wheel to see if it works and how much it will cost. Once it is running and the hoses are checked we will run a live test at Vara Field and be able to provide Terry and accurate water usage and cost, by the water meter. Reached out to Terry to see when registration end date should be. Registrations can be taken now.
- Field Hockey – Mike will look at registration form and Vic will post it on the website.
- Youth Basketball – Mike waiting to hear from Bill Smith regarding season ending report.
- Adult Softball – season has folded. At the 2nd meeting there were only 4 teams
- Adult Baseball – schedule is being finalized tonight.
- Youth Baseball – WBYBA inquired about possibility of getting field watered before games. Needs to be further discussion between RJ, Des and Victor regarding the cost associated. Vic is ok with it as long as baseball pays for the water use.
- Men's Basketball – we will wait until June 1st to cancel but there is still limited interest and only inquiries.
- Pool – Des is doing a nice job cleaning and patching the pool. We will fill the pool and then Scott from Vincent Pools (who originally built the pool) will take a look. He has been extremely helpful. Grass is growing along the trench area.
- Tennis Clinic – Registration forms are set and we have 2 participants so far.
- Facebook – we have 186 friends!!!!!!

Website – Changes Needed

- Posted information regarding soccer signups
- Removed egg hunt information
- Update to 5k fees
- Pictures of new Vara and Steinhardt signs were added to the slideshow on the website.

Commission Comments

- Clean Communities - Des requested 24 garbage/recycling containers for various locations around the Borough parks.
- Railroad Ave project – Des stated if we could have access to a walking trail it would strengthen our application for the grant.

Adjournment

Adam Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, seconded by Michael Nachbaur.
Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **8:15PM**