

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13th - 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 7:00 p.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, Michael Nachbaur, Adam Zimmer, Jesica Olmos, Victor Cioni, Melissa Hommes (7:02), Tim Shanahan (7:03)
- Also Present: Christina Howley, Des Fitzgerald, Scott McDonald

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Adam Zimmer motioned to approve the minutes from the 5/23/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Jesica Olmos. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Minutes approved, motion carried.

**Audience Participation**

- Isaac Quelly from Boy Scout Troop 146 is working on his Eagle rank. He is working on a community service project to build 6 picnic tables and benches for our town pool which benefits Washington Boro Recreation. He decided to do this because this is where the children of our community go and we want them to be safe. The composite materials Isaac plans on using are more durable and there will be no splintering. He estimates the cost of materials will be \$1,840.16 and miscellaneous supplies will be \$284.84 for a total estimated cost of the project to be \$2,125.00. Isaac will send out letters to local businesses to raise the funds. Also, thru friends and family and possibly a car wash. The most important part of his project is safety. Safety goggles will be worn and only adults will be allowed to use the power tools. Construction will be done in phases and when the benches and tables are complete, they will be delivered to the town pool. Isaac projects that the total hours for the project will be 240 hours and 350 hours with the final conclusion paperwork. Isaac estimates that the project will be completed by the end of this pool season. Both Mayor McDonald and Chairman Cioni said they could help Isaac with fundraising.

Christine Thompson from the Washington Sharks Swim Team Parents Association stated that we have the honor of hosting the Penn Jersey Swim Championships. This is the biggest fundraising opportunity for the swim team. Mrs. Thompson states that our pool is not ideal for such a large event mainly due to parking. The parents association asked Belvidere to use their facility and their fee is \$600. The swim team will have the benefit of the income if it's here. Food is all donated by parents. Swim Team would only be able to run a morning concession stand if in Belvidere which would limit their profits. The championships are 60 events split into two halves of the day. \$3 to come in for ages 10 and up. Programs also cost \$3 and the swim team makes money on every registration for each event. Swim team sells ad space in the programs as well. They also want a large thank you sign with sponsors on it to hang at the pool. The major issue is parking! Christine Thompson would need a map of all available

parking by July 10<sup>th</sup> in order to be provided to those attending. Jessica Olmos will provide this. We will need plenty of volunteers to help direct those looking to park. Christine mentioned a monetary contribution to the Borough of \$500 to cover our expenses for that day. Motion to allow parking on the softball field at Boro park provided it has been a dry week prior. Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 , motion carried. Victor Cioni motioned to allow the swim team to hold championships at the Boro Park Pool. Seconded by Melissa Hommes. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 , motion carried.

- Jules Quelly, 4 Cleveland Avenue comes here tonight as a mother to a current snack bar employee. She states that she loves the pool and her son will be working in the snack bar this summer. She would like there to be an employee manual for her son and all other employees of the pool. She would like to help create an employee handbook along with the Recreation Director's input for all youngsters at the pool. She also expressed concern that it was her understanding that we needed to have a Serve Safe certificate for food handling at the concession stand. Des will reach out to Carol Schwar from the Health Department to check on this.
- Dave Dickson, maintenance worker for the park and pool. Mr. Dickson like all the ideas of what is going on with the park and pool however, his main concern is that the team is distracted. He states that we need better control of who is directing and giving out job assignments. He states that he has routine jobs that need to be done every day on top of everything else. He states that all he is asking is that we communicate and all get along because it is making his job a lot harder. Michael Nachbaur motioned to close the audience portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 , motion carried.

Adam Zimmer motioned to go into executive session due to personnel issues. Seconded by Michael Nachbaur. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 , motion carried.

### **Communications**

- None.

### **Recreation Director's Report**

- Pool will be open for their first day of the 2012 season on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. John Dorsch has done the bonding test.
- Des will send email to Terry Finnegan with the status on the water wheel. It's fixed but not tested yet due to all the work to get ready for the pool opening.

### **Report from Council Liaison**

- None.

### **Old Business**

- Tables at the pavilion. Des wants to fix them with 6 inch carriage bolts. Light at pavilion needs to be working. John Dorsch fixed it but there have been reports that it is still not working properly. Victor will drive by tonight and check it out.

### **New Business**

- Boy scout Community Projects. Victor came up with three projects that he thinks are able to be completed by the boy scouts. They are:
  1. Build a fence around the dumpster at the pool.
  2. Build a fence around the shed at Vara Field.
  3. Lay the landscape ties around the playground area at Boro Park.

All in favor to approve the three projects for the boyscouts to work on. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 , motion carried

- The boy Scouts still have to approve doing the projects, if they don't we still have to complete them.

### **Sports Programs**

- Field Hockey – Michael has secured a coach and it is Carrie Ann Arnold. There is a league meeting Friday at 7pm at the Franklin Municipal Building. There are possibly a few rule changes for the coming season.
- Youth Baseball – Adam waiting on blueprints on how to construct the portable mound.
- Girls Softball – The All Star Game went very well. The President of the league complimented on how well everything looked including the condition of the field. End of the season bbq on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. The Grandstand snack bar took in over \$500 even with just doing chips and drinks.
- Karate – up to 12 participants for session 3. Paul Kilduff is open to possibly moving the sessions around.
- Adult Softball – Still looking for a date for the charity game.
- Men's Basketball – The season was cancelled due to lack of teams
- Tennis Clinic – We have approximately 20. We will be providing t-shirts, racquets, snacks and water.

### **Website – Changes Needed**

- Victor will check the field hockey page and clean it up.

### **Commission Comments**

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### **Adjournment**

Michael Nachbaur motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm, seconded by Melissa Hommes.  
Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **9:28PM**