

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27th - 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 7:01 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, Victor Cioni, Melissa Hommes, Tim Shanahan, Jessica Olmos (7:05pm)
- Also Present: Christina Howley, Des Fitzgerald

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Adam Zimmer motioned to approve the minutes from the 6/13/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Minutes approved, motion carried.

**Audience Participation**

Adam Zimmer motioned to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Melissa Hommes. Motion carried.

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**Communications**

- None.

**Recreation Director’s Report**

- Des created a list of expenses which was in response to a letter from Barbara Van Why stating that the balance of recreation trust account was very low. Her balance also did not take into consideration the \$12,500 that is being transferred into recreation trust account once council’s budget is adopted. Jeff has a few questions regarding some of Des’ calculations so Des will review and provide further explanation at the next meeting.

**Report from Council Liaison**

- None.

**Old Business**

- We haven’t heard from the boy scouts on their community service projects. Probably an update by the next meeting.

- Status of the Railroad Ave embankment. Des will talk with the mayor or Kristine Blanchard regarding the approval from Norfolk Southern RR to spray weed killer on the embankment.

## **New Business**

- Pool Closing Parameters. The commission has been doing research as to how other pools in the area handle the pool closing on days where the weather is unfavorable and attendance is at a minimum. We need to establish guidelines so that each manager is clear how to proceed.

Jennifer Feldman has worked at the pool for the last 8 years and has been a manager for the past 3 years. She stated that she closed the pool (along with Des' support) on Sunday of opening weekend due to the weather and very poor attendance. A few commission members did not agree with this decision which caused everyone to start researching when the pool should close and when it should not. After that, she was instructed to stay open unless there is lightning, rain for the entire day or some type of mechanical failure. She was confused because a few days later Victor wanted her to close the pool because it was going to be a chilly day. By the time Jennifer got the message from Des there were pool patrons lined up to come in for the day. She ended up closing the pool after 4pm that day. This stresses the importance that we need pool closing parameters for the pool managers to follow.

Tim Shanahan motioned to allow the pool managers along with the Recreation Director to provide the parameters to close the pool. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion carried.

Jeff Haines motioned to re-open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Motion carried.

Dave Dickson stated that everything is going well. Closing the pool is a tough decision to make, work together and it will all be fine.

Jeff Haines motioned to close the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Motion carried.

- 2013 Capital Projects – Tabling discussion of grandstand capital projects until the next meeting when Victor gets estimates of the work. He would like to present the idea to council and work with them on approving a portion the funds to get this done in the spring and tie it into the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grandstand. He contacted the Historical Society for their assistance in a small event as well as to see if there are some players who played there long ago.

## **Sports Programs**

- Swim Team – Jessica needs to know who from the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission can help out on August 4<sup>th</sup> with the issue of parking on the day of the Championship meet. They had their first meet vs. Hackettstown and everything went well.
- 5k – Jessica said it looks like we lost about 8 lawn signs. So Jessica took approximately 10 signs and is holding them until September as we get closer to the race. Jessica has been getting quotes from different Timers in the area. Most were between \$500 and \$750. She found Woody Geary who would do it for \$250 so she booked him. Christina will do a requisition for the purchase order.

Adam would like some type of award for the emergency services group who sends the most people. Adam will send a flyer to all fire houses and rescue squads in Warren County.

- Youth Soccer – Terry Finnegan sent an email to all of last year’s participants urging them to sign up for the 2012 season.
- Tennis Clinic – We have 24 participants signed up for the clinic. The P.O. has been sent to All Sports for the racquets and t-shirts. Water and pretzels will be provided. Ralph Fiore and his staff will run it.
- Youth Baseball – They started their All Stars practices.
- Girls’ Softball – Using funds that they raised from the snack bar and clothing fundraiser to purchase a pitching machine. Adam suggested checking [baseballsavings.com](http://baseballsavings.com) and Effinger’s in Bound Brook.
- Karate – Session 3 is going well
- Men’s Baseball – Adam is still waiting on blueprints for the portable mound.
- Men’s Basketball – Try again next year!
- Teen Pool Party – First one is this Friday. It runs from 8pm – 10:30pm for 6 weeks. \$5 admission for everyone regardless if they paid for the day. Ages for those attending should be 13 to 17.
- Pool – Jennifer Feldman stated that in years past we always had an emergency contact form for those kids who were old enough and able to come to the pool unsupervised. We would like to have a form for next year.

### **Website – Changes Needed**

- Victor will post about the Teen Pool Party on Facebook including the ages of those able to attend.

### **Commission Comments**

- Jeff commented that the pavilion tables were stacked 3 high in a pyramid. What can we do to secure them better and when is this scheduled to get done? Des stated it will be done soon. Jeff, Des and possibly Dave can sit down with the open list to discuss the priorities on the list.
- Tim said Thank you to Jennifer Feldman for taking the time and coming to the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Adam Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, seconded by Melissa Hommes.  
Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **8:18PM**