

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
October 10th - 7:30 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 7:30p.m.

Opening 7:33 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: Victor Cioni, Jeff Haines, Michael Nachbaur, Adam Robinson
- Also Present: Christina Howley, Scott McDonald, Melissa Hommes, Susan Turner, and Joe Pinto

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Michael Nachbaur motioned to approve the minutes from the 9/12/12 and 9/17/12 meetings with no changes. Seconded by Jeff Haines. Ayes: 4 Nays:0 Abstain: Minutes approved, motion carried.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni motioned to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Haines. Motion carried.
- Victor Cioni motioned to close the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Motion carried.

Communications

- None

Recreation Director’s Report

- Next week we will be putting in the final cuts in the concrete in front of the grandstand at Boro Park
- Melissa will reach out to former pool managers to make sure they are coming back next year. Andrew Ward is definitely returning as Swim Team Coach.
- Jeff asked Melissa how to track the 25% of revenue staying in each individual sport. He noted how difficult the T16 report from Edmunds is to understand. For now each liaison can work with Melissa to find their true picture of revenue.

Report from Council Liaison

- Scott stated he is going to the League of Municipalities convention in mid-November. If there is any information that the Commission is looking for he can probably find it there. Victor would like any information available on grants.

Report from Secretary

- The proposed increase for soccer referee fees has been tabled until the next meeting when we have more voting members in attendance.

Old Business

- Fee schedule changes/additions for 2013 has been sent to Kristine Blanchard.
- Capital monies requested from for 2013 will be presented to Council in January.
- We received approval from Council to use money from the same sub Account from 2012 in which we used to purchase the playground mulch to do a Spring 2013 planting of Periwinkle along the 1st base embankment at Borough Park. 3 estimated compiled from local nurseries. These will also be presented to Council in January.
- This season (2012) we spent just over \$2,300 with Sunshine for various weed and feed treatments and round up treatments at the borough parks. We solicited new quotes and while most landscape firms do not carry the requisite herbicide licensing, ACF Landscape does. For the same scope of services as Sunshine plus a second treatment on the embankment and plus a second treatment for the ball field is only \$1,615.70.
We will confirm with Council in January that this line item is available every year.

New Business

- None.

Sports Programs

- 5k – Adam stated we are about 95% there. He needs 2 or 3 more tables and trash cans. Melissa Hommes, Christina Howley and Jesica Olmos are volunteering at the registration table and will hand out goodie bags. Everyone else volunteering should help with the barricades. We will spray line paint for walkers and use race signs for runners. Participants' bibs will have raffle tags attached to them. The tags will have the bib number on them to make drawing raffle items easier. The PA system will be set up in the Boro Hall parking lot.

The registration area will be set up 7:30-8:30. Volunteers will walk the courses between 8:00 and 9:00. 5k race will begin at 10:00. 1 mile walk will begin at 10:05. Refreshments will be put out at 10:25 and the races are expected to be done by 10:45. Awards and raffle will be done at 11:00. After the last runner cones will be picked up and barriers will be moved to the side.

- Youth Soccer – There have been poor communication from Soccer and many parents have complained. Late emails rescheduling practices, etc. Mr. Finnegan will be asked to a November Commission meeting to discuss why and what will be done to correct it. There was a definite drop in participants from last year. Communication with parents and the Rec Commission needs to be improved.
- Field Hockey – Still no team. Melissa moved the equipment to the jail.
- Street Hockey – Skills evaluation will be done in December and practice and games will begin in January. Mike would like to consider moving hockey to another season when the basketball courts at Boro Park can be used. There are too many issues with having street hockey in the gym. We are set for this winter in the schools' gyms. He may possibly survey parents this year to see if there would be more interest in having it in the spring or the fall.

- Youth Basketball – Mike went to his first Directors meeting with the Warren Hills Youth Basketball League. There is very little gym space in the winter time. All gyms in this area are completely full. Mike would like the Nov 2 deadline so he can line up coaches and set how many teams we will have.
- Girls Softball – Jeff would like to find out what kind of warranty is on the pitching machine. Advertising will go to the schools in December for January sign-ups. Jeff would like to utilize the pool snack bar to have a full service snack bar for softball.
- Karate – About 11 participants so far but there is still one week left for registration. We are just looking for more participants than Session 3.
- Adult Softball – Victor created a flyer advertising our facilities for teams to play at the Boro Park.
- Mens Basketball - nothing
- Pool – The pool is closed for the season. We are prepared with equipment to do patches and repairs in the spring.
- Tennis Clinic – Expanding next year to 40 kids.

Website – Changes Needed

- Victor will have Morris set up an online survey link for each individual sport/clinic/activity which will ask parents a few questions about their experience that season. This will also include free text area for comments. It will be a good way to see what parents thought about how the program was run, and better prepare us for the next season.
- We now have 226 friends on Facebook.

Commission Comments

- Victor said background check came back in about 2 minutes for the one check done so far for Karate. Guidelines will need to be put in place for an appeals process.
- Victor stated he has 2 estimates from York Fence company; one for the grandstand and backstop and another for the dugouts. A&S Fencing is coming Tuesday to provide another estimate. This will provide 3 estimates which will be enough.
- Victor noted that Adam Robinson has done an amazing job pulling the 5K together.

Recap

- Melissa– will work with Jeff on getting warranty info on pitching machine.

Adjournment

- Jeff Haines motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, seconded by Adam Robinson.
Ayes: 4 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **8:13PM**