

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013 - 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 7:03p.m.

Opening 7:02 p.m.

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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, Joe Pinto, Adam Zimmer and Michael Nachbaur (7:14)
- Also Present: Melissa Hommes (7:07), Richard Thompson, and Susan Turner.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Jeff Haines moved to approve the minutes from the 1/9/13 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3. Minutes approved, motion carried.

Audience Participation

- Adam Zimmer moved to open the audience participation portion. Seconded by Jeff Haines. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- No Audience participation
- Jeff Haines moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried

Communications

- None

Recreation Director’s Report

- Because the pool is receiving a new freezer from a vendor the existing freezer will be moved to the ballfield/Grandstand area. A new countertop will be installed in the Grandstand snackbar.
- The budget request to council for funding for new fencing at the Grandstand was approved.
- The budget request to council for funding for paint for the pool was approved. Prep work for painting the pool will begin the 1st week of April.
- A letter has been sent to local businesses and organizations requesting donations for new pool chairs. If we do not receive donations within 30 days council will pay for the chairs.

Report from Council Liaison

- None

Report from Secretary

- 3 refund requests for Street Hockey K-3 participants. Refunds approved.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Victor would like to solicit donations from area businesses and organizations to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the pool. All approved.
- Street Hockey end of season Parent/child game was not held last year, Mike questioned if there should be one this year. Such games are held for Soccer, Softball and other sports but the issue of liability, especially in a non-Recreational building, was raised. Melissa will contact the Borough Risk Manager for his assessment. Whatever ruling is received, in writing, should apply to all Recreation Teams. Adam Zimmer moved to allow Parent/Child games for all sports pending the Risk Manager's approval in writing. Victor Cioni seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1. Motion carried.
- Grandstand fencing – see notes in Director's Report section.
- Pool chairs – see notes in Director's Report section
- Pool painting – funds have been approved by council. The Recreation Department will rent a sandblaster and aggregate to prepare the pool for painting. Work expected to begin the 1st week of April.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Donations of candy, gift cards and other items have been received including a hockey puck signed by a NJ Devil's player which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 6, at 1 pm, raindate Sunday, April 7, at 1 pm. All Commissioners are asked to attend.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – the 3rd Annual Bowling Fundraiser is to be held in April. Swim Team sign ups have begun. Victor will continue to put the fundraiser and flyer information on the Facebook page.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Absent. No report
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – The aerator was left next to the shed by a soccer coach. It cannot be located now.
- Field Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – Mike stated the participant numbers have been dropping. He will update the registration form and flyer and forward them to Victor for the website and Facebook page. If numbers do not improve we may cancel the program
- Street Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – Melissa has been in contact with the NJ Devils regarding a final date for the Hockey banquet.
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – It has been a good season with the 7/8 boys getting into the Championship. After the skills competition this week, the season will be finished.
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – Absent. No report.
- Girls Softball – (Jeff Haines) – Information regarding the 1st practice this Saturday has been emailed to parents. Almost the same number of players has signed up as last year. The coaches are excited to work with the new pitching machine. The All Star Game is to be held June 8th. Jeff will send inquiries out regarding a High School Senior Game.
- Karate – (TBD) - The 3rd Session will start April 5, 2013. About 7 registrations have been received. Flyers were distributed to Borough and area schools.
- Adult Softball – (TBD) –Melissa will be attending a meeting in Hackettstown to inform people of our program. It will be an ASA composite league, not wooden bat. Adam Zimmer's team wants to do 10 team fundraising event the week of July 4th with half the money raised going to the teams and the other half to the American Cancer Society. The event would likely be from 8 am to 9 or 10 pm one day. The Recreation Department would donate the lighting and field maintenance for the day. Melissa recommended the team complete a rental/user agreement to reserve the field and ensure the date is available.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – Victor wants to have a portable mound. Removable net would be needed.

- Men's Basketball –(Victor) -No report
- Pool – (Victor) – Fees for Borough residents have remained the same as last year. The fees for non-residents have been lowered to match residents' fees. The commercial for Comcast has not been shot due to weather. Stock footage can be used if we are unable to shoot original footage. The commercials will air from April 15, 2013 through June 15, 2013. We can shoot footage throughout the summer and have an existing commercial edited for around \$150.00
- Tennis Clinic –(Victor) – no report
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) – Absent. No report.

Website – Changes Needed

We now have 285 friends on Facebook.

Commission Comments

- Richard Thompson- nothing
- Jeff- nothing
- Adam – nothing
- Michael – nothing
- Tim – N/A
- Victor – the debris in the park will be removed by DPW this week. Victor wants to have the Community Days around May 16, 17 & 18. Jeff will check Girls' Softball home games for the month of May and advise Victor if the team will be playing at home on the 18th. Victor met with Sherwin Williams Paint who will donate 5 gallons each of blue and white paint. A new Purchase Order has been submitted for Rymon's for 2013. Service will be done next week. Melissa has been in contact with the DEP regarding the field at the sewer plant.

Recap

- Melissa will contact the Borough Risk Manager for his assessment of Parent/child games.
- Mike will send Victor and updated Field Hockey registration form and flyer

Adjournment

- Jeff Haines motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Adam Zimmer seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried

Adjourn **7:56 PM**

Directors Report for March 13, 2013

I have spoken with Pepsi and worked out with them to have the beverages delivered directly from them. We will not only be saving the price of gas for traveling to Sams several times a week, but they will be giving us a new double door storage fridge, pricing sign board as well as some other item. I have worked out the same for our ice cream and snacks that will also get us a new freezer, chip racks etc.

Matt DeElba has begun working for the season. With the weather he is starting out on a part time basis until there is more that can be done. Already the garbage cans have begun to be emptied regularly and some cleanup begun in the pool house.

The first few pool day pass gift certificates have been distributed. There are several little safety measures to insure they are not copied as well as a spreadsheet that will be with the lifeguards listing who each original certificate was for.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the first Saturday in April. This year we have asked parents at the schools to donate a bag of candy if possible, hopefully the help from the community will help us make this year's hunt more successful than ever! If anyone has a location they think may be willing to donate some prizes please let me know and a letter will be drafted requesting the donation.

For anyone who isn't already aware, Council passed our budget request for the new grandstand fencing. Construction will begin within the next month; I have asked that they replace the backstop first so as to interfere with Girls Softball as little as possible.

Before purchasing new chairs for the pool we are attempting to have local businesses donate them. Each business will receive a letter offering a plaque with their business name attached to a new pool chair in exchange for a \$250 donation. If this plan falls through new chairs will be purchased by the Borough. Again, if anyone knows of a business that may be interested in helping let me know.

This year in addition to the camp USA Sports will be holding "Soccer Squirts" classes this spring for younger children. The final flyer will be placed online this week and the first class will begin mid-April. The classes are for preschool ages with and without their parents. They will be paying us our usual field use fee for each day classes are held.