

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 24, 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 7:00 p.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: Victor Cioni, Joe Pinto, Michael Nachbaur, Tim Shanahan
- Also present: Richard Thompson, Council Liaison, Melissa Hommes, and Susan Turner.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Victor Cioni moved to approve the minutes from the 7/10/13 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Michael Nachbaur. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Andrew Ward, currently employed by the Recreation Department at the pool, approached the Commission with a proposal to re-structure the Pool Manager and Lifeguard positions and pay scales. Andrew drew on his experiences as a Recreation Major in college and working at our pool for several years when compiling his report. Victor noted that changes such as he suggested would be the Recreation Director’s decision, not the Commission’s; also, a similar proposal had been presented to the previous Recreation Director 2 years ago and had been declined; and any increase in the pay scale would have to abide by the fee ordinance and be approved by the Borough Manager and the Borough Council. Andrew was aware of these stipulations but wanted to make the Commission aware of the possibilities and how they could positively affect the staffing at the pool.
- Andrew also presented some ideas for fundraising for the swim team:
 - The swim team would like to host a swim-a-thon at the pool in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Warren County. 50% of the proceeds would go to BBBS, 25% to the swim team and 25% to a scholarship fund. Victor said they have permission to use the pool for this event.
 - If the swim team provides volunteers for the 5k race can they get a portion of the proceeds or can they at least add a section to the 5k registration form asking for a donation to the swim team?
 - Can local businesses’ signs be put on the pool fence during swim team meets? The signs would be put up and removed the days of the meets. Victor will check with the Borough Manager.
- Victor told Andrew he would like to see more recruiting done for the swim team at the local schools especially the Middle and High Schools. Andrew has a goal of 50 swim team members for the 2014 team.
- Tim Shanahan moved to close the audience participation portion. Mike Nachbaur seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Communications

- None

Executive Session

- Michael Nachbaur moved to go into Executive Session. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Executive Session opened.
- Audience members and Rich Thompson were asked to leave the room.
- Victor Cioni moved to come out of Executive Session. Michael Nachbaur seconded. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Executive Session closed. Audience members and Rich Thompson were asked to return to the room.

Recreation Director's Report

- No questions or comments were raised.
- Melissa Hommes left the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Report from Council Liaison

- No report

Report from Secretary

- Swimming Lesson registration refunds were requested: 5 full refunds and 2 half price refunds requested due to the change in the dates for the 7:00 pm lessons.
- Victor moved to issue the swimming lesson registration refunds. Joe Pinto seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0, Motion carried, refunds approved.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Lots of members have qualified for the Championship Meet which is to be held next week. The team will be getting new swim suits next year. The lifeguards have done a fantastic job at the meets. The Assistant Coach Jessica is working out well. She is a good coach and good with the children. Joe asked if we are securing Andrew and Jessica in their coaching positions for next year. If they are returning the information should be posted on the Recreation Facebook page as it will retain current members and draw new ones.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Victor spoke for Adam. He has been in touch with the timer. He may order more signs to be put in people's yards. Our flier will be put into the "goodie bags" at the Top Dash race at Meadowbreeze Park.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – ACF Landscaping will apply the second weed & feed treatment to Vara Field and the Borough Park the 2nd week of August. Victor will contact Terry Finnegan about possibly holding another in person sign-up session. Victor has included the Soccer Program in his Recreation article for the August Washington Messenger.
- Street Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – No report
- Karate – (TBD) – No report
- Adult Softball – (TBD) –No report.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) –No report
- Pool – (Victor) – Rich Thompson has heard positive feedback about keeping the pool open an additional hour during the heat wave.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – The lower registration numbers this year can probably be connected to the timing of the clinic. Before next year's clinic is scheduled we will discuss with Ralph Fiore other events

taking place in the summer that may affect enrollment. Victor has had some response to the feedback survey, all of it positive. Victor moved to donate \$100 to the Warren Hills High School Athletic Department for use of the courts and Ralph's volunteering. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. \$100 Donation approved.

- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – The class is gaining in popularity. The demonstration done the night the pool was open late was very well received.

Commission Comments

- Richard Thompson- no comments
- Joe Pinto – no comments
- Adam Zimmer – absent
- Adam Robinson – absent
- Michael Nachbaur – no comments
- Tim Shanahan – no comments
- Victor – no comments

Website

- We now have 360 friends and continue to get more.

Recap

- Victor will contact Terry Finnegan about possibly holding another in person soccer sign-up.
- Victor will discuss with the Borough Manager any limitations to the swim team hanging business advertising signs on the pool fence during swim meets.

Adjournment

- Michael Nachbaur moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried

Adjourn **7:57 PM**