

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Reorganizational Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

The Re-organizational 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.

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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.”

Swearing in of Recreation Commissioners

- Melissa Hommes swore in the following newly appointed commissioners:
Jeff Haines and Adam Robinson

Roll Call

- Present: Victor Cioni, Jeff Haines, Adam Robinson, Joe Pinto, Tim Shanahan, Mike Nachbaur (7:22)
- Also Present: Melissa Hommes, Susan Turner, and Richard Thompson, Council Liaison

Nomination and Appointment of Recreation Commission Officers

- Recreation Chairman –Jeff Haines moved to nominate Victor Cioni as Chairman, seconded by Tim Shanahan
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
- Recreation Vice Chairman – Victor Cioni moved to nominate Jeff Haines as Vice Chairman, seconded by Adam Robinson
Roll Call:
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Jeff Haines moved to approve the minutes from the 12/12/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Minutes approved, motion carried.
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Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the Audience Participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Haines.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
- No Audience members present
- Victor Cioni moved to close the Audience Participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Haines.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Recreation Director’s Report

- Melissa will get a price from Frank Blanche to put up Route 31 sign.
- Melissa will forward the Pool Commissioner Handbook to Victor.

New Business

- Victor Cioni welcomed new Council Liaison Richard Thompson.

- Approval of Meeting Dates for 2013 - All Commission members voted in favor of accepting the same schedule of meeting dates for 2013 – Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec and meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month April through October. Susan will forward actual dates to Victor for approval.
- Approval of Sports/Pool Liaisons.
 - 5K – Adam Robinson
 - Swim Team – Joe Pinto
 - Youth Soccer – Victor Cioni
 - Field Hockey – Michael Nachbaur
 - Street Hockey – Tim Shanahan
 - Youth Basketball – Mike Nachbaur
 - Youth Baseball/Little League – Adam Robinson
 - Girls Softball – Jeff Haines
 - Karate –
 - Adult Softball – Jeff Haines
 - Adult Baseball – Adam Robinson
 - Pool – Victor Cioni
 - Men’s Basketball – Victor Cioni
 - Recreation Website/Facebook Page – Victor Cioni

Sports Programs – Liaison Reports

- 5K – Adam will collect remaining sponsor checks and email total sponsorship fund amount to Victor.
- Swim Team – Joe will email Victor info pertaining to April Bowling fundraiser which Victor will include in Messenger, on website and Facebook.
- Soccer – Victor recommends doing more of Soccer “in-house” and using feedback to improve the program.
- Street Hockey – Memorial School practices start tomorrow, games will start in 2 weeks. There are 33 participants (some 3rd graders were moved up with parental consent) making up 4 teams. The number of K-2 participants has been declining and Mike feels that since there are other sports offered, and people have less disposable income for purchasing equipment, the program for younger children probably will not rebound and should be discontinued. Melissa will email a list of the Hockey coaches who have had background checks. Mike suggested setting up a “Google docs” list of all coaches in all sports who have had background checks and the date to which the background checks are valid.
- Youth Basketball – the season has started. There have been no problems. The Li’l Hoopsters Clinic started last night.
- Youth Baseball/Little League – Adam is meeting with RJ next week.
- Girls’ Softball – Flyers were distributed to Borough schools. A sit-down sign-up date has not been set but Jeff has left the month of February free to finalize sign-ups. Victor will put info on Facebook.
- Karate – Sign-ups for Session 2 are low. Melissa and /or Victor will put info on Facebook.
- Adult Softball – Jeff R from Hackettstown has spoken with Victor about having 6-7 area teams play through the entire spring season. Melissa will be in contact with him.
- Adult Baseball – Adam has not heard any more from Neshanik team about July 4th game.
- Men’s Basketball - nothing
- Pool /Park Status – nothing
- Tennis Clinic - nothing
- Lacrosse Clinic – Tim has spoken with Kevin who runs the Washington Youth Lacrosse Program. They feel a one week long, early to mid-June clinic for 1-8 grades, teaching basic skills is a good idea. Kevin has equipment, access to High School coaches and fields at Meadow Breeze are already paid for through his organization. The Clinic would be open to children in surrounding towns.

Commissioner Comments

Website

- We have 253 friends

Adjournment

Tim Shanahan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, seconded by Joe Pinto.

Ayes: 6 Nays:0 Motion Carried

Adjourn

7:53 PM

Directors Report for January 9, 2013

Hockey equipment has been picked up from the NJ Devils. They were incredibly generous this year and provided all new goalie equipment along with the usual sticks and balls. All of the new sports and first aid equipment has arrived. The new first aid kits were assembled and worked out great. The new first aid equipment is just as good, if not better, than the previous brand, yet costs less than half the price. Each kit is numbered and tracked to a specific coach, hopefully that will keep them all from getting lost or walking away. The new ball bags will have their first use with Lil Hoopsters

Lil Hoopsters equipment is being put together and will be handed out this week. Each ball bag will also contain a hand pump so balls can be easily inflated if needed (this was a complaint with soccer).

Both lock boxes have been installed at Memorial and are working perfectly. We will no longer have to worry about who has the key and whether it's returned each season. For whatever reason the previous youth basketball jersey order was largely adult sizes. As a result we have a number of kids wearing shirts several sizes too big. Some new jerseys in larger youth sizes are being ordered as soon as the new accounting system is up and running.

The new accounting system is almost ready. I had it set up so each sport has the same sub accounts, allowing us to easily compare which sports are spending what. In the past the sub accounts had different names, duplicate accounts etc. for each sport, making things very confusing. Purchase requisitions can begin again next week.

The pool pump had its first treatment for the winter. I am still in the process of finding the fluid that will grease it for the entire winter, in the meantime I will continue adding some grease to it and running it briefly each month.

The basketball sign was taken down by the kids. Of course. What's funny though is it still seems like it worked to some extent, when I went to re-hang it (it is back up) there was very little garbage. Of course that could be the old weather too. We will see how it goes. The Pool Change Fund Procedure Manual, Lifeguard Employee Handbook and Pool Employee Handbook are almost complete, a draft will be sent out within the next month or so for everyone to review. I already received an email from one of last year's employees inquiring about employment. I'm planning to begin advertising the positions shortly.

After the last meeting when we discussed putting plastic in a frame and adding water as a freeze test, it occurred to me that there is no way to add water (ha). I did however, find out that there was an ice rink built on the basketball court in the past, and not once did it freeze enough to use.

Advertising has begun for Swim Team and Girls softball. Looking into organizing some sign up/open house days in the fire hall that can have crafts etc. to draw in more people, will obviously also offer signups for pool memberships, sports camps etc.