

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 14, 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, Adam Robinson, Adam Zimmer, Tim Shanahan, Joe Pinto (7:08)
- Also present: Richard Thompson, Council Liaison, and Susan Turner.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Tim Shanahan moved to approve the minutes from the 7/10/13 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Victor Cioni. 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.
- Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation portion. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Communications

- None

Recreation Director’s Report

- No questions or comments were raised.

Report from Council Liaison

- No report

Report from Secretary

- Soccer registration refunds were requested because there were not enough older boys to make a team
- Victor moved to issue the soccer registration refunds. Joe Pinto seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried, refunds approved.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Removing the juniper bushes along the fence at the baseball field in the Borough Park was raised by Victor. They need a lot of maintenance, they have grown through the fence and they are beginning to damage the fence. Various possibilities were discussed including cutting them down to the ground one

season and pulling all of the roots later, as a shared service with the town asking DPW to use a backhoe to pull the roots and then redress the ground, and getting estimates from local businesses to cut the junipers down and replant the area with a slow growing bush.

- Adam Zimmer moved to solicit estimates for the removal of the juniper bushes, removal of the stumps, redressing of the ground and replanting of the area and to also request assistance from the Borough DPW with the removal of the bushes and redressing of the ground. Adam Robinson seconded. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Speaking for Melissa Hommes, Victor proposed granting a \$20.00 monthly stipend to Dave Dickson to cover some of the phone costs he incurs on the job. The stipend would only be for the months he is employed by the Recreation Department.
- Victor moved to grant a \$20.00 per month phone stipend to Dave Dickson during the months he is employed by the Recreation Department. Adam Zimmer seconded. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. Phone stipend will be granted.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – 8 to 10 members qualified for the championship. The team picnic was held last night at the pavilion. Victor said that lawn signs have been purchased for the 5K, soccer and softball and asked Joe if he wanted signs for swim team. Victor also said that he and Melissa purchased a domain name – Boroball.com – that will have information and registration forms available.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Adam said that Runner’s World may sponsor the race and provide goody bags and magazines. Adam has spoken with the person who will be doing the shirts. The Deputy Police Chief will be contacted regarding police coverage on race day. Victor suggested that he and Adam attend the next BID meeting to solicit donations and sponsors. Victor has concerns about sign-ups on race day since there were so many last year. Adam will ask Andrew Ward to get volunteer commitments from Swim Team members/families. They can work the barriers and water stations. The police will man some of the barricades. The race will take place rain or shine.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – The deadline for older children has passed but younger ones are still signing up. The goal posts have been moved to Vara Field but still have to be assembled. Vara Field and Borough Park received the weed & feed treatment the first week of August. There are still drainage issues at Vara. Melissa gave some equipment to a coach for practices. Additional equipment may need to be purchased.
- Street Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – Victor has reached out to another artist to paint the logo. Joe will start on the clinic information.
- Karate – (TBD) – The 1st session will begin Sept 20th at Taylor Street School.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – The State Director has given permission for us to try to get a USSS League at the Borough Park. Victor offered a free practice game to any interested team. The season would run from the middle of May to the beginning of August with games at 7:30 and 9:00. They would not interfere with Girls’ Softball because their practices are done by then.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) –No report
- Pool – (Victor) –.The weather has not been good but the mechanics and staffing have been running well. Rich Thompson would like to talk to the Shade Tree Commission about some of the trees in the park. Victor said they have walked the park and identified trees that need to be trimmed but the work has not been done because of the budget. The park staff has “limbed up” many of the trees.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.

- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – Victor has discussed ideas for next year with the instructors: we may get a banner and posters to advertise, the number of classes may be reduced and the schedules of other Zumba classes in the area will be watched so that we can hold ours on different days.

Commission Comments

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

Website

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

Recap

- Victor will discuss with the Borough Manager the DPW helping to remove the juniper bushes at the Borough Park Field.

Adjournment

- Victor Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:34 PM**