

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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 7:14 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, Joe Pinto, Michael Nachbaur (7:31), Tim Shanahan (7:36)
- Also present: Richard Thompson, Council Liaison, Melissa Hommes and Susan Turner.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 8/14/13 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Joe Pinto. 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 Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Communications

- None

Recreation Director’s Report

- Rich Thompson asked what options are being reviewed for the hill/ Rte 31 embankment at the Boro Park. Melissa said having the hill tiered or building a retaining wall were the strongest possibilities. Mulch would be too loose and plantings would be very expensive and require maintenance (weeding). The project will be a council budgetary item. Victor suggested approaching DOT for assistance.
- The baby pool is to be drained and CFM is coming next week to look at the water spouts in the baby pool and consult regarding winterization.

Report from Council Liaison

- No report

Report from Secretary

- No Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Victor has spoken with ACF Landscaping who will give us an estimate for removing the juniper bushes at the Boro Park ballfield. The bushes along the 3rd base line would be kept intact but trimmed down. The other 3 sides would be ripped out. Victor spoke with the Borough Manager about having DPW do the work in October or November.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will talk with the Sharks swim team at their next meeting regarding getting sign-up signs.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – We have received \$700 so far in donations. PNC Bank is not giving money but will give us items for the runners' bags. Unity Bank is donating \$50 and clips. Warren County Community College is donating water bottles. Muheisen's Bagels is donating bagels. Victor will try to get 200 day passes from Gibson's Gym. Mackey's Orchard may donate fruit. 4 cases of water have been donated and 2 more are expected. Adam Zimmer will also donate 2 cases of water. Washington Animal Hospital is the only vendor so far. Victor sent an email out to over 55 local businesses but has not heard anything back.
Adam said feedback indicates \$25 is too much to charge for the 1 mile walk/kids run. \$15 was suggested with a discount down to \$10 if the walker signs up with a 5K runner. Adam Zimmer made the motion to change the fee for the 1 mile registration to \$15, \$10 if registered with a runner. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Fee change will be made. Victor will make changes on Facebook and contact Jessica Olmos to change the 5K website.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – Signs were ordered for next season's registration. Next year we will look at getting sponsors to help cover the cost of t-shirts.
- Street Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – All of the equipment is in the closet at Memorial School. It needs to be organized and inventoried. We have a lot of new equipment from last year.
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – Mike is meeting with the organization Director next Monday. He will put together flyers and update registration forms to go out in October/November. The school gyms need to be reserved from Nov 11 thru March 28. We will ask to reserve them for 7 days a week so that the Softball clinic may have access on the weekends. Uniforms need to be inventoried. We need more smaller sized jerseys. Mike is considering changing the color because so many league teams wear blue
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will inventory the equipment and uniforms and note what needs to be replaced. Signs were ordered for Boroball.com to help with advertising for sign-ups. Joe wants to start advertising earlier than last year. He has contacted Beth Uporsky about getting some high school students to help with coaching.
- Karate – (TBD) – A flyer has been sent to the school to be distributed and information was included in the first Friday bulletin.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – Adam spoke with USSSA and will get together with them at the end of October.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Pool – (Victor) – The end of season numbers are being worked on and they look good.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) – No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – The program will be brought back next year. Victor wants to look into regular Zumba classes held in the area so that ours does not conflict with them. Different advertising angles are being looked into including a banner and posters.

Commission Comments

- Richard Thompson- no comments
- Joe Pinto – no comments

- Adam Zimmer – no comments
- Adam Robinson – no comments
- Michael Nachbaur – no comments
- Tim Shanahan – no comments
- Victor – no comments

Website

- We now have 366 friends and continue to get more.

Recap

- Victor will make fee changes for 5K on Facebook and will contact Jesica Olmos to make changes on 5K website.
- Susan will contact schools to reserve gyms from Nov 11 thru March 28 for basketball, street hockey and softball clinic.
- Victor wants Joe to contact Andrew Ward for definite 5K volunteers.

Adjournment

- Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Victor Cioni seconded. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:56 PM**