

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey  
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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 7:03 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 (7:08), Adam Zimmer, Joe Pinto, Michael Nachbaur (7:20), Tim Shanahan
- Also present: Richard Thompson, Council Liaison, Melissa Hommes (7:06) and Susan Turner.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 9/11/13 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 Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

**Communications**

- None

**Recreation Director’s Report**

- Melissa will submit a written report shortly. – The Borough engineer looked at the juniper bushes at the Boro Park field and advised against removing them. It was agreed to get them trimmed regularly the funding for which would probably come from Clean Communities program. ACF landscaping submitted an estimate of \$1,500.00 per year which was forwarded to the Borough Manager and she has advised Melissa to proceed.
- CFM has done the pool winterization in the past but there have always been problems. Victor and Melissa met with three of Hackettstown’s pool staff who winterizes the Hackettstown pool. He described the process to them which is very straight forward and easy enough for us to do without CFM. Victor also contacted Veolia Water who will also help. Melissa is hopeful it will be done by November.

**Report from Council Liaison**

- Rich asked if the issue of Recreation paying for all of the Borough Park lighting was resolved. Melissa attended the last council meeting to defend Recreation’s position of not being responsible for any lighting bills besides the Ball Field. Rich said it was not clear if it was “tabled until November”.

## Report from Secretary

- No Report

## Old Business

- Juniper bushes – See Director's Report
- Rec Director Review – Victor reminded the commissioners that each one needs to complete the Annual Rec Directors Review. He will re-send the form to each commissioner.
- Girls Softball Winter Clinic – Joe has been talking with Beth Uporsky. He has done an inventory of the equipment, thrown out old, unusable items and created a "wish" list.

## New Business

- Washington Borough Youth Soccer Non-Profit – Terry Finnegan was in attendance. Victor said WBYS has historically helped pay for the Recreation Soccer program but we haven't received any funds recently. The aerator donated last year unfortunately was stolen right after it was received. Terry said that most of the money they get comes from the winter clinic and a few dollars from selling bagels, but he pointed out that he donates a lot of his time i.e. prepping equipment and fields. Victor would like to set up a definitive relationship between the Recreation Department and WBYS in regards to a yearly donation of money and/or equipment for the soccer program. The Rec Department has already paid around \$2000.00 for equipment, league fees, and t-shirts this year. He requested Terry discuss all of this with WBYS.

Melissa told Terry the new nets have come in. Terry recommended storing them until next year. Melissa also ordered and received new soccer balls. The previous Director bought balls that required re-inflating every 2-3 days. The new ones have a different bladder that stays inflated better.

Terry mentioned that many times the goals at the Borough Park are moved around and the spikes that secure them to the ground are gone. The nets need to be secured for safety reasons.

## Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will talk with the Sharks swim team regarding sign-up signs. Melissa reminded him that getting 50 signs is a better deal than getting 10 or 20.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Adam reviewed his list of things yet to be done and who will do them: Adam will put up No Parking signs, set up water table at Steinhardt field, pick up bags, pick up t-shirts, get bagels from Muheisen's. Victor will set up road barriers and mile markers with Mike, go to A&P for fruit, pick up more No Parking signs from police. Susan will check about getting petty cash or check to have cash on hand to make change. Other items mentioned: Adam has 2 tables and needs 4 more, some of which can come from Borough Hall, an EMS person will be at the water table at Steinhardt field, Andrew Ward has 10 volunteers from the swim team and Dave Perricone has 4 volunteers. Set up will begin at 7:30 am.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – see New Business.
- Street Hockey – (Tim Shanahan) – Tim will inventory the equipment.
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – Mike is meeting with the organization Director Monday. Susan will email him ball sizes and rubber/composite numbers.
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – See Old Business. Joe wants a flyer to go out in December.
- Karate – (TBD) – Victor – The signup numbers are good but the Memorial After School Program has sent home a flyer offering karate classes. Melissa will discuss this with Mr. Rosza.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – Adam is meeting with USSSA Regional Director next Monday. Since the Borough is centrally located they would like a league here. The closest league is in Readington. They could possibly set up a 5 year deal. Victor would like Melissa to be at that meeting.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Pool – (Victor) – No report.

- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.

### **Commission Comments**

- Richard Thompson- no comments
- Joe Pinto – no comments
- Adam Zimmer – Adam would like to see the Holiday House Decorating Contest brought back. His mother would donate five \$50 value gift baskets for prizes as she did in the past. Each of the 5 prizes used to also include a season pass for the pool. Given the total cost of 5 pool passes it was suggested that be part of a Grand Prize for one winner
- Adam Robinson – no comments
- Michael Nachbaur – no comments
- Tim Shanahan – no comments
- Victor – no comments

### **Website**

- We now have 366 friends.

### **Recap**

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### **Adjournment**

- Victor Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Tim Shanahan seconded. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:08 PM**