

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey  
Recreation Commission Reorganizational Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2014 - 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.

**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.”

**Holiday House Decorating Contest**

- The Wisnewski Family of Cornish Street and the Murphy Family of West Washington Avenue were each presented with a gift basket for winning the Holiday House Decorating Contest in their area.

**Swearing in of Recreation Commissioners**

- Victor Cioni swore in the following newly appointed commissioners:  
Adam Zimmer and Tim Shanahan (alternate)

**Roll Call**

- Present: Victor Cioni, Adam Robinson, Joe Pinto, Tim Shanahan (left meeting at 7:45 pm), Adam Zimmer, Danni-lyn Steiner
- Also Present: Melissa Hommes, Susan Turner

**Nomination and Appointment of Recreation Commission Officers**

- Recreation Chairman –Adam Zimmer moved to nominate Victor Cioni as Chairman, seconded by Joe Pinto Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
- Recreation Vice Chairman – Adam Zimmer moved to nominate Adam Robinson as Vice Chairman, seconded by Tim Shanahan Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Special Business**

- Victor addressed the proposed new logo – Capital “W” with “Boro” banner in front of it and the mascot/logo “the Boro Bears”. Joe Pinto said he received many emails from Girls Softball parents who are against it. He said they have invested money in Pride clothes, the Pride logo is only two years old and they like “Pride” much more than the Borough Bears.
- Victor moved to have the logo changed to “The Boro Bears” and the Capital W with the Boro banner. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2. Motion Carried.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 12/11/13 meeting as written. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Minutes approved, motion carried.

**Audience Participation**

- No Audience Members present.

**Recreation Director’s Report**

- No report.

**New Business**

- Approval of Meeting Dates for 2014 – In 2013 some meetings were cancelled due to lack of New Business so Victor has altered the meeting schedule by removing the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of March, April, September and October. Adam Zimmer moved to accept the meeting dates schedule for 2014. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Online Registration – Victor is looking into coordinating with the current Boro website online payment system. Another module would be added to the system for Recreation. It would allow payments by

check or credit card. Credit card payments would have an additional 2.5% fee added to them. The current fee ordinance would have to be amended to reflect this fee. The ACH payment system walks people through the process and could be used for all sports programs and pool memberships. Adam Zimmer moved to allow online registrations and ACH payments for Recreation programs and memberships. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion Carried.

- Field Usage Fees form – not completed yet. Will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Approval of Sports/Pool Liaisons.
  - 5K – Adam Robinson
  - Swim Team – Joe Pinto
  - Youth Soccer – Victor Cioni
  - Street Hockey – Chris Zimmerman
  - Youth Basketball – Mike Nachbaur
  - Youth Baseball/Little League – Adam Robinson
  - Girls Softball – Joe Pinto
  - Karate – Danni-lyn Steiner
  - Adult Softball – Adam Zimmer
  - Easter Egg hunt – Danni-lyn Steiner
  - Pool – Victor Cioni
  - Recreation Website/Facebook Page – Victor Cioni

### **Sports Programs – Liaison Reports**

- 5K – No report.
- Swim Team – Christine Thompson has the new Sharks logo. Joe will send it to Melissa for signs and to Victor for flyers.
- Soccer – Victor said Terry Finnegan still wants to meet.
- Street Hockey – Victor is working with the Warren Hills Athletic Director to find another hockey practice venue since Hockey and Basketball are growing. Perhaps any empty downtown building could be used.
- Youth Basketball – Joe wondered why Washington Township is using Memorial School gym and the Borough is not getting preference.
- Youth Baseball/Little League – no report
- Girls' Softball – WBYB Clinic at Memorial School Saturdays in February and March will be open to softball players. Joe will email the team schedules after they have been set up by the league. Once the schedule is received the cashier and food orders can be lined up. The lawn signs were put out this week. We have balls from last year but won't know what game balls to use until the league specifies. Susan will send an email to last year's parents with a registration form attached and will notify them the concession stand in the Grand Stand will be open and the purchase of outdoor speaker is in the budget so the games can be announced.
- Karate – no report
- Adult Softball – Adam met with the State Director last week who is willing to sign a 3 year contract for 15 games a season running May 1 through mid -August. USSSA insurance for the field would have to be purchased at \$429 per year. Melissa wondered how it would coordinate with Girls Softball. They have practice every night, games start around 6 pm and go through June. The first game is around April 24 and the last June 5. Games are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. In the past the Borough Park was used just for games and practices were held at Memorial School. Perhaps an Adult Sunday Night league would work or using the Middle School fields. Joe and Adam will work with Melissa to try to accommodate all.
- Pool /Park Status – no report
- Tennis Clinic - no report
- Lacrosse Clinic – no report

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Adam Zimmer congratulated Victor and Adam on being reappointed Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- Victor will send an email to all commissioners with details about changing the Recreation Directors position to full time or increasing the part time hours. He asked that everyone read the email and come the next meeting prepared to vote.

### **Website**

- We continue to get more friends on Facebook.

### **Adjournment**

Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm, seconded by Adam Robinson.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Adjourn

**7:59 PM**