

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2014 - 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 7:04 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, Danni-lyn Steiner, Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Councilwoman Ethel Conry and Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- No audience members present. Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 5/28/14 meeting without changes. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

New Business:

- Background check procedure- Victor reviewed some of the basic info regarding background check requests from potential coaches: the request should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to a program’s start date; only one request should be submitted; if an alert comes back that person cannot coach, they can appeal the background check. Joe Pinto brought up actions by several people regarding one background check that did not follow our guidelines. Victor noted his concerns and stated that the guidelines had been put together after extensive review but can be changed as the commission deems necessary.

Adam Zimmer moved to amend the background check guidelines to: Each person will be allowed one background check per calendar year. If an alert is received that person will not be allowed to coach any sport until the following calendar year, pending the appeal process. Seconded by Victor Cioni. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Background check guidelines will be amended.

Executive Session

- Adam Zimmer moved to go into Executive Session to conduct an interview for the Recreation Director position. Seconded by Joe Pinto Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. Executive Session opened.
- Victor Cioni moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Executive Session closed.

Interview Results

- Adam Zimmer moved to promote Andrew Ward to Recreation Director. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried. Andrew Ward will be promoted to Recreation Director.

Recreation Director's Report

- 2 light poles at the Boro Park field may have bad breakers. Chief Electric will be doing work at the field on Friday. They will be asked to look at the breakers and replace them if necessary.
- Andrew Ward will go to the next Borough Council meeting to be introduced to Council.

Recreation Secretary's Report

- A Borough resident requested a free family pool membership for herself and her two children due to financial hardship. The paperwork she submitted has been reviewed by Mike Terminelli who determined she qualified. Susan gave an overview of her income and expenses. Adam Zimmer moved to approve the free membership. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 4, Nays: 2, Absent 1. Motion passed, free family membership approved.

Report from Council Liaison

- Ethel Conry stated that questions have been asked about liability if a person hit a softball from the Borough Park field out into traffic on Route 31 and a car was hit. The Borough Manager will be asked about who (Borough or team) would be responsible. It was suggested that signs be placed in the parking area (park at own risk) and at the Route 31 entrance warning of possibility of errant balls during softball season.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – We have 47 Swim Team members. Victor will put a note on Facebook that Friday is the last day to sign up.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – USA Clinic will start July 28, 9:00-12:00 with 2 levels. The grass should be cut and the bathrooms opened. US Sports is sending a banner. The flyer for the borough soccer program will be distributed at the schools Friday. Victor emailed all the soccer parents from last year. Adam Robinson suggested giving equipment to each coach and let them be in charge of it instead of keeping it all in the coaches' room.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Inventory has been done and he will turn it in to the office.
- Youth Basketball – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – The last game is next week. Tom will let Adam know Thursday if there will be a championship game on Sunday. Adam asked if we can limit the age of participants in a clinic because he is considering a fall baseball/softball clinic. Victor said yes ages can be limited.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – The season is almost over. The Seniors are in the playoffs this Saturday. The All Star game was a huge success. Vic asked if Joe has or can get pictures that can be posted on Facebook. Joe will talk with Mr. Rosza over the summer about using the Taylor Street field. Joe will inventory the equipment. New stuff should be brought to Borough Hall and stored in the cell. Older stuff (or if there's too much for cell) can stay in the coaches' room. Joe thanked Tom for all his help with the field usage and scheduling.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn) – Kickboxing classes for adults will be held at the pool during swim lessons. Paul Kilduff will handle the advertising. Recreation will get a portion of the admission fee. Andrew will talk with Paul about holding the class in the pool area or on the basketball court. Andrew will let Danni know the outcome.
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – Everything is set to start next week. Adam will bring in the checks and he will need to order softballs. Vic and Adam will work out setting up the lighting schedule. Umpires are scheduled for the first 2 weeks. Adam asked to reserve the field one day in the fall for scrimmage & batting practice for their tournament teams.

- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) –The Handicap lift is to be assembled and installed by RJR Engineering this week. The unit will be kept in the pool house and taken out when needed. The pool vacuum will be delivered next week.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.

Commission Comments

- Joe Pinto – Joe noticed that a rim is missing on the basketball court. Vic said he believes that backboard is cracked. There are extra rims and nets in the Grandstand snack bar “closet”. We can ask DPW to take down the backboard.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – no comments.
- Tim Shanahan – no comments.
- Victor Cioni– no comments.
- Chris Zimmerman- no comments.
- Danni-lyn Steiner- no comments.

Website

- We now have 468 friends on Facebook.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Victor Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:44 PM**