

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25, 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 7:00 p.m.**

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of Adequate Notice**

- Adam Robinson 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: Adam Robinson, Adam Zimmer (7:04), Joe Pinto, Danni-lyn Steiner, Chris Zimmerman, Tim Shanahan (7:15). Also present: Andrew Ward and Susan Turner.

**Audience Participation**

- Adam Robinson moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- No audience members present. Adam Robinson moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Joe Pinto moved to approve the minutes from the 6/11/14 meeting without changes. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

**New Business:**

- Andrew wants to look into two possible summer leagues/programs to take advantage of our lighted areas. One would be an informal basketball league with surrounding towns. We could start with pick-up games in the evenings for 2-4 weeks to gauge interest. One commissioner mentioned that the NBA sponsors a “Hotshot” round robin tournament. The other program would be a pick-up summer soccer league using the 2 small fields on the boro park outfield. The games could be held at night. This program would be started next summer.

**Recreation Director’s Report**

- Andrew reviewed all of the information in his report. In regards to the “new leak” – this has been located and all the work should be completed Thursday (tomorrow). Kristine Blanchard and Victor Cioni decided on a “short fix” now to keep the pool open. A permanent fix will be done in the off season. One cement pad with a small table had to be ripped up. Andrew said we can replace the concrete pad or spread grass seed in the area. Commissioners want to keep the table. Andrew said the table can be sunk into the dirt and have grass around it. If cement is poured it will be more expensive, there will be the additional cost of stone under the cement and there’s a chance it will have to be pulled up when the “permanent” pipe repairs are done off season.
- Adam Zimmer made a motion to have grass seed spread in the area now with the table sunk in the ground but have the possibility of a concrete pad looked at in the spring. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Motion passed.

- Andrew said the Swim Team League official told him the swim blocks at the pool are too far above the water line. If we raise the water level it will be up over the gutters. Andrew had a person volunteer to “cut down” the blocks by 5 inches. If nothing is done they cannot hold swim meets at the pool. Commissioners agreed to have the blocks cut down to just below regulation height.
- The High School swim coach has asked if a portion of the pool could be made available to the High School Swim Team members on a week night possibly at a “group” rate. There would be around 20-25 swimmers. They would need 2 or 3 lanes. Andrew will talk with Victor re: the fee schedule and how they would be charged. Due to Aqua Zumba and scheduled swim meets only Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings are available.

### **Recreation Secretary’s Report**

- A Borough resident requested a free individual pool membership for herself due to financial hardship and disability. Susan gave an overview of her income and expenses. Adam Zimmer moved to approve the free membership. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Absent 1. Motion passed, free individual pool membership approved.

### **Sports Programs**

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Fantastic -We have 54 Swim Team members, 21 more than last year. Adam R asked if there are any equipment needs. Andrew said the lane lines get broken because they cannot be stored properly because one of the reels is broken. They don’t directly affect the swimmers. New lane lines and reel would run about \$5,000. The reel will be looked at to determine if it can be repaired.
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- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –There is a lot of interest for a summer program. Chris is thinking of holding games Saturdays from 5:00 -10:00 pm starting with K-2, 3-5, 6-8 grade games on the hour and High school age and adult games last. A lot of the adults like the idea of playing outside and having the snack bar available. Chris has spoken with referees. Chris said Victor told him he got the pads for the poles. It was asked if there needs to be a formal sign-up for liability reasons. Can players sign a “play at your own risk” waiver? People could pay \$5 per player at the snack bar and get their hand stamped. The goals from the NJ Devils are starting to fall apart. Chris has looked into heavier ones which run around \$150. He also spoke with our NJ Devils contact who is looking into Franklin brand goals for us. If we bought heavier goals they would be moved to Memorial to be used by the 4th-8<sup>th</sup> grades in the winter.
- Youth Basketball – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – The season is over. It went well.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – The season is over. They had their picnic. Joe asked if Vic has or will be sending out the survey. Joe would like a copy of the results. The girls will wear their jerseys to the Patriots Game on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn) –
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) –The season has started and they are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of games. 2 balls have gone over the fence and neither has come anywhere near Route 31. Andrew cannot find the outfield nets. He will check the upper “crawl space” at the Grandstands. In the past the nets were required for baseball but not softball. Andrew said if we have them we should use them. Adam Z asked to have a “Field Closed” sign made that could be put up after the field was lined. Adam would also like a chain strung across the open gate area. Adam also stated that currently only one person on the Borough Fire Department knows the lock code on the gate at the field. If that person is not available when a Medivac is needed the lock will be cut. Andrew will talk with the Fire Department Chief about who should have the code. Andrew told Adam the bathrooms at the Grandstand will be functional tomorrow after the leak at the pool is fixed. The amplifier can be brought to the Grandstand to be used during the games.

- 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**

- Joe Pinto – no comments.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – no comments.
- Tim Shanahan – no comments.
- Victor Cioni– no comments (absent).
- Chris Zimmerman- no comments.
- Danni-lyn Steiner- no comments.

#### **Website**

- Adam R does not know how many friends we have on Facebook.

#### **Recap**

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#### **Adjournment**

- Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:50 PM**