

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 9, 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 7:11 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, Tim Shanahan, Danni-lyn Steiner, Adam Zimmer, Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Ethel Conry and Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

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

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 6/25/14 meeting without changes. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

New Business:

- Splash Pad update - Vic, Andrew Ward, Kevin Shoudt, Andrew Holt (Suburban Consulting) and one of his team members that specializes in Splash Pad design, met at the pool Tuesday at noon to walk through the area, mechanical room and discuss design possibilities. Andrew H. had some concerns regarding the original location concept because of the grading and retaining wall required. We discussed an alternate location, still within the baby pool fence and closer to the pool pump house, that does not require significant grading or excavation nor a retaining wall. This would be a significant cost savings as a retaining wall was estimated at \$25-\$30 per square foot. If accepted, the modified location would require moving out a portion of the 8ft fence that faces the child play set area and still occupy the same sized area as previous design. Also, as part of the assessment, Suburban will analyze our current capacity within the existing mechanicals and will call the company that installed the well pump to get an understanding of its flow capacity. As a cost saving measure to the town, we will likely be tying in to the well pump for water and use a recirculation system. We will also likely price out a separate circulation pump dedicated to the splash pad to make it independent from the main pool and baby pool operation. Any preliminary design will be shared with the commission for their thoughts as well as Green Acres for their signoff.

Recreation Director's Report

- Victor reviewed Andrew's report. No concerns or questions were raised regarding the report.

Council Liaison's Report

- Ethel said concerns were raised regarding the leaks at the pool. Vic said the leaks are occurring because when the renovations were done 6 years ago the pipe was not laid properly. No sand bed was spread under the pipes so when the pipes vibrate the debris/rocks in the dirt rubs against the pipes and eventually causes holes. Vic said bedding has been put down in the areas where pipes were repaired this year. Vic said Veolia has agreed to a possible plan regarding the pipes at the pool. We would run a new water line outside the fence perimeter from the pump house to the pool house. Veolia will donate pipe and sand bedding and make all the necessary connections. The existing pipes would be capped and left in the ground. We would need DPW to dig the trenches and backfill when the pipes are completed. Ethel state that no vote has been taken by Council regarding this proposition.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – absent, no report.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Vic reported for Adam. Adam would like to have a logo contest in the schools for the t-shirt design. Vic has spoken to Aarmin about basic design instructions for the children.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – Victor has been soliciting local businesses to sponsor whistle and clinic teams and paying for their team shirts. He has 2 definite yeses. He has spoken with All Sports regarding uniforms for the older children. We will use the last few years' #'s and sizes to help determine what to order. He feels adding “uniform #” and “Uniform returned” columns on the roster can help us keep track of the returned items. Net spikes are needed for the 6 nets plus some extras. The DPW will move the big nets to Vara Field and Terry Finnegan will re-assemble them in August.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Vic got the pads for the basketball poles. Chris has coordinated with the referee. We will charge \$5 per child as allowed under “sports clinic” in our fee schedule. We expect there to be 5 clinics through August. Adult games were asked about. Vic recommended holding them Saturday mornings and not charging a fee, just determine what interest there is.
- Youth Basketball – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – absent, no report.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – absent, no report.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn) – Kickboxing classes have started and are being offered to adults during swimming lessons.
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – The Fire Chief has been contacted about putting up netting at the Borough Park Field. Because the fire truck is so heavy they cannot bring it on to the field. They can only install the netting on the parking lot side and the corner. They should have it done this week. There were two rainouts which will be made up. The lights on one post went out and then took about 15 minutes to “warm up”. The breakers may need to be replaced. Adam has received many compliments on how Scott is taking care of the field. 2 or 3 other teams expressed interest in joining but will have to wait until next year.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – We have already passed last year's registration and moneys received numbers.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – We currently have 12 registered. Vic will continue to post info on Facebook.
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) – No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – We are getting 10-12 people per session. The time was changed to 7 pm so the pool does not have to stay open an extra hour.

Commission Comments

- Joe Pinto – absent.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – absent.
- Tim Shanahan – no comments.

- Victor Cioni–Vic is impressed with Andrew. He feels Andrew is very proactive and is handling things well.
- Chris Zimmerman- no comments.
- Danni-lyn Steiner- no comments.

Website

- We now have 536 Facebook friends.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Seconded by Victor Cioni. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:45 PM**