

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 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**

- 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, Joe Pinto, Adam Robinson. Also present: Andrew Ward, Ethel Conry (7:03) and Susan Turner.

**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.
- Tatiana present. She is considering becoming a commissioner and will just observe the meeting. Victor moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Tim Shanahan moved to approve the minutes from the 7/9/14 meeting without changes. Seconded by Vic Cioni. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

**Old Business:**

- Splash Pad update – The preliminary design has been approved by Green Acres. Suburban Engineering is working on construction cost estimates before we go out for bid. A yield test will need to be done on the well pump. Joe Pinto has concerns with the splash pad being inside the baby pool area, specifically with larger children running through the area where small children are playing. Vic reminded him that a lifeguard will be on duty in the splash pad/baby pool area.

**New Business:**

- New water supply project – Vic outlined the procedure – Veolia will donate new piping and bedding material and will make all the connections at no cost. We would need DPW to dig the trench outside the pool fence and then backfill after the pipe is laid.  
Vic moved to approve the new water supply project and to request that DPW dig and backfill the trench. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 3. Motion carried, project and request to DPW approved.
- Andrew Ward resignation – Andrew’s last day will be Sept 15. He is working with Vic on budget requests and he will be available in the fall to help close the pool.
- PTO pool party – The PTO has requested a waiver of the \$50 fee to keep the pool open an additional hour for their annual social. Recreation takes in the additional pool admissions and the PTO makes

money selling food. Tim Shanahan moved to waive the \$50 fee. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Absent: 3. Motion carried, fee waived.

- Online Store – The Online store is up and will run for approximately 6 weeks selling Boro Bears branded products. Any profits go into Borough Recreation general fund. Vic will ask All Sports if we can also offer sport specific apparel. Tim Shanahan asked about advertising in the schools through the PTO. Adam Robinson asked how this would tie in with the products sold by the Soccer League.

### **Recreation Director's Report**

- Andrew reviewed his report and added that we may only need to replace a few pool filter grids. We can buy several and keep any extra for future use. Regarding the water level he will do a bucket test after the pool has sat for several days. Andrew said getting the pool resurfaced would be very costly but getting a PVC shell liner would be more affordable. Vic asked Andrew to get estimates from 3 companies.

### **Council Liaison's Report**

- No report.

### **Recreation Secretary's Report**

- Refunds – There were 8 full and partial refund requests for: Group swimming lessons, changes to private swimming lessons, change of a pool membership, soccer family moved out of town. Vic moved to approve all the requested refunds. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0, Absent: 3. Motion carried, refunds approved.
- ACH payments – about ¼ of swimming lesson registrations were online and just under ½ of the soccer registrations have been done through the new online system.

### **Sports Programs**

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) –17 children went to the championships. Joe will be the new Washington Sharks President effective September or October. Vic said we would then need a new swim team liaison because he feels having Joe in both positions is a conflict of interest. Tim Shanahan suggested we table the discussion until the full commission is in attendance.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) –Adam has started getting sponsors but he wants to get more and larger donors. He hopes to improve the bags and t-shirts. Vic said all the commissioners should help get sponsors. Adam wants the t-shirt logo to be more relevant to the Borough. We can have the school children submit drawings but the guidelines are quite strict. We can have AllSports develop 4 or 5 designs and have the children vote. A suggestion was made to have the High School Graphic Design classes come up with logos.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – As of 8/13 we have around 84 kids signed up for Soccer. We are ordering 24 new size 5 soccer balls for season (approx. \$10 per ball). New Soccer nets were purchased last year and are in the jail cell. 10 new size 4 balls were in jail cell. We should be OK on size 4 balls. We need 6 new ball bags. New uniforms and coaches shirts for older kids will be ordered by 8/18. We need to order line paint for soccer as we only have 6 cases left. The order has been placed through Epic Sports and will be delivered to the Grandstand. Vic wants most of it kept in the snackbar closet, not the coaches closet. A lot of it was used for softball this year. Need to ask DPW to deliver the soccer goals to Vara field before end of the month. Vic was told they were never moved last year. Goal stakes need to be found/purchased to secure the smaller soccer goals prior to season start. Soccer registration signs have been put up around town. Terry Finnegan will have Soccer signups at Boro hall on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. WBYS will donate \$TBD towards the purchase of the new Soccer uniforms. Whistle and Clinic teams have sponsorship for all teams so there will be no cost to Boro Recreation for their shirts.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –(absent) The clinic did not work out. Vic will get the pads back to the schools.
- Youth Basketball – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – Joe has sent out emails requesting the return of the uniforms. There are about 12 yet to be returned. The next email he sends out will remind them if the uniforms are not

returned they cannot be on the team next year. Joe has done some inventory. Some helmets and bats had to be thrown out. Tim asked Vic to post something on Facebook to gauge interest in a fall instructional league for an hour or two on Sundays. Joe emailed Mr. Rosza about the Taylor Street field but has not heard back.

- Karate – (Danni-lyn) – (absent) Vic reported for Danni-lyn. We are waiting for the start date for Session 1. Paul Kilduff is ok with expanding the age group but would have the older children in a separate class. The cost would be the same. They may have a table set up at the back to school nights.
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – (absent) No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – (absent) No report.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – Winterization estimate from RJR Engineering is \$3,500 for the pool and the outer buildings. Additional quotes sought – Carlton pools estimate was over \$7,600 and did not include the pool pump house or Grandstand. Deep Run Aquatics is only doing work for their existing customers. We may need to do it internally. Preparing 2015 budget items for the pool with Andrew.
- Park Maintenance – Scott Pohl will be on the payroll through the end of September, Mike Nachbaur until the end of October. Vic read a list of park maintenance items that need to be completed by the end of October. Adam Robinson moved to formally accept the list and have it forwarded to the Park Maintenance staff. Seconded by Vic Cioni. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: 3. Motion carried, list accepted.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – We had 14 kids enrolled. Summer seems to be a tough time for sport activities because many families are on vacation. Feedback from the parents has been very good. Discussion with coach Fiore and he feels we will max out with 20 kids at best which is still a good #. Next summer we will expand the age group to include 14 year olds.
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) – No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – We are getting 7 to 9 people per class. There have been no problems holding it at the same time as the evening swimming lessons.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Joe Pinto – Joe is sad to see Andrew go. He would like to thank the lifeguards for the work they did for the swim team.
- Adam Zimmer – absent.
- Adam Robinson – Thank you to Andrew.
- Tim Shanahan – no comments.
- Victor Cioni – Sorry to see Andrew go.
- Chris Zimmerman – absent.
- Danni-lyn Steiner – absent.

### **Website**

- We now have 560 Facebook friends.

### **Recap**

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### **Adjournment**

- Tim Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:03 PM**