

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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, Joe Pinto, Danni-lyn Steiner and Adam Zimmer. Also present: Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Victor moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Vic moved to approve the minutes from the 8/13/14 meeting without changes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Rec Director Search – Vic has received one resume and cover letter from a previous applicant. He will continue to advertise on Facebook and the borough website. The ad will be placed with the same advertisers as earlier this year.

Recreation Director’s Report

- Vic reviewed Andrew’s report. He asked that the company we got the soccer net from last year be contacted regarding a possible refund/credit if we return the net.

Council Liaison’s Report

- No report.

Recreation Secretary’s Report

- Refunds – Because only three 5th grade boys signed up for soccer we do not have enough players for a team. Refunds were requested for the 3 families. Vic moved to approve the 3 soccer refunds. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 3. Motion carried, refunds approved.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) –no report.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – 2 additional donors, Dave’s Friendly Service and Felix’s Tavern, have been secured. Vic expects most of last year’s donors will donate again. The possibility of “upgrading” repeat/3 years or more donors’ level was discussed.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – We have 114 participants vs. 87 in 2013. New uniforms, coaches’ shirts and t-shirts have been ordered. The Whistle and Clinic teams are sponsored so there was no t-shirt cost for us. 15 cases of field paint have been ordered to be shared by soccer, Girls Softball and Men’s Softball. Balls and nets have also been ordered. The fields look very good.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –(absent) The clinic did not work out. Vic returned the pads to the schools.
- Youth Basketball – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) –Joe needs about 7 more uniforms returned. He is matching names and numbers for the ones he already has. Next year he will make sure the list of names and numbers is also sent to the office. Joe is looking into a batting cage for the Borough Park field. It would have to be set up outside the 1st base line. Joe would like the anchors cemented into the ground for easy set-up and take down. It was recommended he contact RJ Sherman regarding the cage at Steinhardt field. We will need to look into a pulley/lanyard system for the softball nets at the Borough Park field.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn) – The Certificate of Insurance and the Facilities Use request form have been sent to Mr. Rosza by the secretary. The flyer is going to the school next week for approval. Paul suggested having a class for older children 7:30-8:30 Friday nights, immediately after the regular Session.
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) –The Championship starts tonight, best of 5 games. Any additional games needed will be played next Tuesday night. The trophies for 1st and 2nd will be ordered by Adam tomorrow through Crown Awards. 3 or 4 new teams have contacted him to play next year. Another team has requested use of the field in October for an 8 team tournament to raise money for the Seeing Eye Foundation. We can waive the maintenance cost. They will donate between \$200 and \$500 for new nets. They will play on a Sunday since Saturdays are heavy soccer days. However, any field prep done on Friday would be messed up by soccer players. Adam will talk with Kristine about doing the field prep himself. Adam said Scott Pohl and Mike Nachbaur have done an amazing job on the field. It is always dragged and lined and the dirt is always soft. He is having a letter written up that will be signed by all the coaches thanking them for their work this season.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) –We’ve had heavy traffic at the pool this week because of the heat. The snack bar was restocked with enough food to get through the weekend. Vic is preparing a season recap for the pool staff and will share it with any commissioner who requests it. Joe brought up several items he feels should be addressed: There are no downspouts outside the front of the main building and the stones set in the grass pose a tripping hazard; the dirt has settled next to the concrete around the baby pool, the water spout area and a pipe access and poses tripping hazards; the lock on the baby pool gate is broken (several commissioners stated that there is only one type of magnetic lock and it breaks every year because it gets pushed); the bases of some railing poles are rusted and/or broken; and concrete in some walkways needs to be patched. Joe had printed pictures of each of these issues. Vic has already looked into couplings for the bases of some of the railing poles and he will send a link to Joe.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report.
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) –Tonight is the last class. While the classes have been small, the numbers have been steady.

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto – The Sharks will be holding a fundraiser vendor fair in the firehall in October. They currently have 12-15 vendors.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – (absent).
- Tim Shanahan – (absent).
- Victor Cioni– no comments.
- Chris Zimmerman- (absent).
- Danni-lyn Steiner- no comments.

Website

- We have 561 Facebook friends.
- Adam Zimmer asked to have photos of the Men’s Softball Championship winning and 2nd place teams put on the Facebook page and website.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Vic Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:36 PM**