

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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 7:06 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, Tim Shanahan, Chris Zimmerman and Adam Zimmer (7:19). Also present: 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.
- Tim moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Vic Cioni. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Joe Pinto moved to approve the minutes from the 8/27/14 meeting without changes. Seconded by Tim Shanahan. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.

Swearing In

- Vic swore in new Recreation Commissioner Brian Collum.

Old 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. Purchase Orders are in for 30 day postings with the same advertisers as earlier this year. Joe Pinto asked if we could use this as an opportunity to go back to Borough Council and request the position be made full time. Vic suggested that be done after the November election. A new council will be seated in January.
- Splash Pad – Vic was contacted today and told it is being spec’d out.

New Business:

- Budget Requests- Vic will submit the list of budget request items to Boro Council in November. He gets 2-3 estimates for the larger expenses. Pool winterization – he has already gotten estimates and RJR is by far the most affordable. He will request that the Boro pay for this every year. Joe Pinto recommended we look at RedMax mowers because they are very good quality. Vic is concerned with how the equipment will be treated. Vic said he is trying to get information and estimates on the pool railings but hasn’t received call backs. Joe said he is also trying to get this.

Recreation Director’s Report

- There were no comments or concerns.

Council Liaison's Report

- No report.

Recreation Secretary's Report

- Refund – A third party paid for one of the 5th grade boys and that is now being refunded. The boy's younger siblings can participate in another soccer program for free. The third party requested refunds for all of them. Vic moved to approve the refunds. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion passed refunds approved.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe has a flyer for the Swim Team Vendor Fair in October. He will email it to Vic and Susan. Vic will put in on Facebook and Susan will distribute it to the schools.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Donors are being contacted. The Police Department said they are hired for a minimum of 3 hours not the 2 hours we did last year. Vic will coordinate with DPW regarding cones and sawhorses. Some of the Donors have been listed on the website. The flyer is being distributed in the schools on Friday.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – The season has started. The children and parents are very happy with the new uniforms. The Whistle and Clinic t-shirts are being handed out this week. The new nets have been installed. We have received good reviews on the condition of the fields.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) Chris met with the Devils. The team has been sold and their marketing will be handled differently. They want all towns to sell Devils tickets as fundraisers but the tickets must be pre-ordered and purchased up-front. Vic asked if we have to “eat” the cost of tickets that are not sold. Chris said the Devils will still supply sticks. He is trying to get new goals for Memorial.
- Youth Basketball – Adam Robinson may be taking over Youth Basketball. Vic asked Brian Collum if he would help.
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – No report.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn) – absent - No report.
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Danni-lyn Steiner) – absent - No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – WC Fields won the championship. Diamond Kings placed 2nd. Adam will pick up the trophies from Crown Awards. 3 additional teams have contacted Adam about playing next year. Diamond Nation wants to hold 2 or 3 fundraising tournaments in October/November. They would pay the field fee, 3rd party fee and lights. They would like to have the snack bar open to sell Gatorade. Susan will email the Grandstand rental application. Vic reminded Adam the water will be turned off when the pool is closed. Some trees have been taken down behind the outfield which means new nets will definitely be needed. Adam said the carabineers are breaking the top of the nets. Adam offered to price new nets. Vic said we definitely need a pulley system. They would like to use the field this Sunday for 2 hours of practice.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – The pool is now closed. Some water will be drained out to get the water level 6” below the skimmer. A small amount of chlorine will be added to keep the algae down until temperatures drop to freezing. We are setting up a Walmart/Sam's Club Corporate account so that next summer concession stand supplies can be purchased through them. DPW will be re-striping the Boro Park parking lot. The Handicap area behind the pump house will be repaved. Vic is getting estimates to replace the concrete pad and ramp in the pool area. Andrew Ward has said he would like to return next season. Vic feels using him as a pool “Supervisor” would put his talents and abilities to good use.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report.
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) – No report.

- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto –no comments.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – (absent).
- Tim Shanahan – Because of many demands on his time, Tim is resigning his position on the commission. Adam Zimmer moved to accept the resignation of Tim Shanahan. Seconded by Victor. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion carried.
- Victor Cioni– no comments.
- Chris Zimmerman- no comments.
- Danni-lyn Steiner – (absent).
- Brian Collum – no comments.

Website

- We have 561 Facebook friends.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **7:42 PM**