

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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 (7:38), Adam Robinson, Chris Zimmerman, Adam Zimmer (left at 8:28) and Brian Collum. Also present: Ethel Conry (7:07) and Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Vic moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.
- Victor Cioni moved to re-open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion re-opened.
- James Sawyer discussed updates of the Youth Basketball Program. Susan will share the approved coaches list online with James. Susan will check with Kristine Blanchard that the Borough Hall conference room is available Friday 11/14 at 7 pm for a coaches’ meeting. James said some High School students have volunteered to coach the 7/8 grade girls team. There are enough coaches for the 5/6 grade girls. We need to sign up more 3/4 grade girls and get coaches for that group. The middle school teams are chosen right around Thanksgiving so the 7/8 gr. registrations will be kept open until 12/1. James wants to get more 7/8 gr. girls or move them to another town. We need a minimum of 5 but would prefer 7 on a team. James emailed the Middle School about students playing on both the school and Rec teams. James is waiting to hear back from the Athletics Director about using the middle school gym.
- Lil’ Hoopsters – 26 children are registered. All ages will practice at the same times but the coaches will separate them into groups which will be more age specific. The children will rotate through several practice stations. A net in the Taylor Street gym will have to be lowered.

Swearing In of New Commissioner

- Vic swore in new Recreation Commissioner Tom Iadevaia.
- John Ruela was sworn in as a commissioner on Monday, Nov. 10, 2014 at Borough Hall.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 10/15/14 meeting. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Executive Session

- Victor Cioni moved to go into Executive Session to discuss candidates for the Recreation Director Position. Seconded by Brian Collum. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Executive Session opened.
- Vic Cioni moved to close the Executive Session after candidates were discussed. Seconded by Brian Collum. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried. Executive Session closed.

Old Business:

- Recreation Director – Brian Collum moved to take a vote for the hiring of a new Recreation Director. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Jeff Greene was voted as the candidate to hire with 6 votes.
- Fee Schedule – The Fee Schedule can be changed and then ratified by the Borough Council. The Fee Ordinance is more complicated; once minimum and maximum amounts are set for a program the fee can be changed within those limits. The ordinance must be amended when a program is added. Vic has been contacted about setting up Yoga and Zumba (Non-Aquatic) so he wants them put on so we can start the programs if/when we want. The ordinance was amended to add Semi-Private lessons because only private and group were listed. Vic moved to add Yoga and Zumba (Non-Aquatic) to the Fee Ordinance and the Fee Schedule. Seconded by Danni-lyn Steiner. Ayes: 8 Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. Programs added.
- Splash Pad bids – Bids will be opened November 20, 2014. The sidewalk from the 2nd gate (near the garbage cans) will be pulled out because the engineers said it was not ADA compliant. A section of fence will be removed. Vic has concerns about the money numbers. He does not know if the bids will come in higher than our budgeted amount. He proposed allocating additional money now so that if the bids are a little higher the project can go forward instead of having to delay until spring. If a bid is awarded Nov 20th excavation and pipe work can be started in January if the weather holds. The total amount is \$130,000. So far less than \$5,000 in Engineering fees has been the only expense. The equipment cost is \$46,000 and \$70,000 has been allocated for construction. Vic suggested a \$20,000 buffer. Joe Pinto feels the money can be allocated better and that adding more money to the project would be a waste. Joe also had concerns that the project could impact the swim team season. Vic said none of the existing pool equipment will be impacted. Adam asked if a project timeline was to be submitted with the bid. Vic said contractors probably would include one but it would be general and he had been told the project would take about 6 weeks. If the work cannot start in the spring the project will be put off until after the pool season. Danni-lyn moved to add the buffer to the splash pad amount, not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 2, Abstain: 2, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report

- There were no questions or concerns regarding Vic's report.

Council Liaison's Report

- Ethel Conry had no report. Vic asked her if the ballfield lights were discussed at the last council meeting since Kristine had told him she wanted to return the responsibility to the Rec Dept. Ethel said it was not discussed. This led to a long discussion regarding Warren United Soccer and their use of the fields. Commissioners said they do not follow their submitted schedule; they show up early and begin practice next to another group which disrupts that group, they will show up early and begin their run around the field while Boro teams are still playing, they've had to be told to leave fields they are not scheduled for. Commissioners want all Boro coaches to have Warren United schedules. A review/change of the fee schedule in regards to the field usage fee and the field agreement will be scheduled for the December Recreation meeting in direct relation to Warren United Soccer.

Sports Programs

- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – Vic has to do the inventory. DPW will be asked to move the big goals to Borough Park.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) - No updates. Chris wants to put out sign up info and request for coaches.
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadavaia) – See Audience Participation -James Sawyer.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Brian Collum) - See Audience Participation -James Sawyer.
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report.
- Karate – (Danni-lyn Steiner) –The 2nd Session begins 11/28. John will be taking over this program..
- Easter Egg Hunt —No report.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report.
- Lacrosse Clinic –No report.

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto –no comments.
- Adam Zimmer – no comments.
- Adam Robinson – no comments.
- Victor Cioni– no comments.
- Chris Zimmerman- no comments.
- Danni-lyn Steiner – no comments.
- Brian Collum – no comments.
- John Ruela – (absent)
- Tom Iadevaia – no comments.

Website

- We have 587 Facebook friends.

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Adjournment

- Brian Collum moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Seconded by Vic Cioni. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:41 PM**