

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015 - 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

Opening 7:30 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, Tom Iadevaia (7:57), Heather Jorgensen (7:32), Joe Pinto, Adam Robinson, Adam Zimmer, Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Ethel Conry, Jeff Greene and Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

- Vic 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.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Vic moved to approve the minutes from the 4/8/15 meeting with changes. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Executive Session

- Vic moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent 3. Motion carried.
- Vic moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent 3. Motion carried.

New Business:

- The difficulty of finding, training and retaining park maintenance workers was discussed. Because there were delays in getting two full time workers a lot of Jeff’s time has been devoted to field maintenance and cutting grass. This has caused time constraints on other work that must be done specifically at the pool. Victor moved to have Ethel Conry approach council to get one full time DPW worker hired, with CPO certification, who will be dedicated to work with the Recreation Department April 1 thru October 1 and during that time report directly to the Recreation Director. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried.
- Adam Zimmer Left the meeting (8:34 pm).
- Communications – since the Rec Commission voted earlier this year to have only one meeting per month the Rec Director’s reports and updates are only received then. A lot can happen in a month and commissioners would like to be updated more often but doing so at various times, on various subjects, with various commissioners eats greatly into the limited hours Jeff has. A weekly report sent to all

commissioners via email was discussed. Jeff clarified that if that were to occur then Director's Reports would not be submitted at the monthly meeting. Adam stated that if weekly reports were submitted commissioners should not push Jeff for information until after they receive and review the report. Vic moved to have the Recreation Director compile a weekly status report which would be sent to all commissioners. Seconded by Adam Robinson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3

- Shade Tree Plantings – The Shade Tree Commission will be replacing two trees at the park.
- Playground Mulch – delivery is expected next week.

Old Business:

- Splash Pad – See the Director's Report – The concrete is to be poured tomorrow. Suburban Engineering had made the decisions regarding the color of the concrete and the supplier which caused a delay in its delivery. They did not advise the Recreation Department or the Borough about this decision and/or delay. The Warren County Health Department may want the fence around the kiddie pool put back up. Green Acres said we can take it down. Jeff will advise once he receives more information from the Health Dept. Jeff said that the drain plug for the sand filter for the kiddie pool is gone. He believes it was lost during the Splash Pad work. The pressure gauge is ruined because sand got into it and we might have to buy a new filter. We are expecting a second quote for the fencing around the filter systems tomorrow.
- Baseball netting –The bidding ends May 26.

Recreation Director's Report

- See attached written report

Council Liaison's Report

- No report.

Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — (Heather Jorgensen) – No report
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – No report
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – No report
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadavaia) – No report
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Brian Collum) – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson/Tom Iadavaia) – No report
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadavaia) – No report
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report
- Karate – No report.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – The league meeting will be May 21.
- Pool – (Victor) – No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) –The current Tennis Coach at WHHS is lukewarm about the clinic. Vic is trying to get him to agree to coach for us. If he does not we will not have a clinic this summer.
- Lacrosse Clinic –No report.
- Adult Zumba – (Victor) – No report
- Men's Basketball – No report

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto – No comments
- Adam Zimmer –Absent.
- Adam Robinson –No comments.
- Victor Cioni– No comments.

- Chris Zimmerman-No comments.
- Brian Collum –Absent.
- John Ruela – Absent.
- Tom Iadevaia – No comments.
- Heather Jorgensen – No comments

Website

- We have 670 Facebook friends.

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Adjournment

- Vic moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:50 PM**