

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2015 - 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 7:30 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, Adam Zimmer, Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Ethel Conry and Susan Turner.

Audience Participation

- Vic moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Vic 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 5/13/15 meeting with changes. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

New Business:

- ½ price pool membership maintenance worker/municipal workers – Vic noted that similar proposals in the past have been rejected by the Borough Council. Ethel noted that there may be Union rules that prevent giving the municipal workers a discount. Vic moved to approve ½ price individual season pool memberships for 2 seasonal maintenance workers and DPW/municipal workers with the understanding that Borough Council would have final approval. Seconded by Adam Zimmer Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried.
- Purchasing/Bidding Guidelines for Recreation Director – Vic explained that these duplicate the purchasing and bidding guidelines for all other municipal departments. The guidelines have already been reviewed by Kristine Blanchard and Ethel Conry. Vic would like them in the Recreation By-Laws so that they are clearly laid out for future staff. Adam Zimmer moved to accept the Purchasing/Bidding Guidelines for the Recreation Director into the Recreation By-Laws. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried. Susan will send the guidelines to Kristine Blanchard to be put on the agenda for the next Borough Council meeting.
- WC Domestic Abuse Shelter – donated pool pass request – Concern was expressed about how the passes would be distributed and redeemed anonymously. It was decided that people redeeming these particular passes would not be required to fill out the visitors log in form at the pool front desk. Susan can contact the center to find out the combination of Adult/Child passes. Vic moved to issue 20 day passes for the

pool to the WC Domestic Abuse Center. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent 5. Motion carried. Passes will be printed and sent to the Center.

Old Business:

- Splash Pad – The floor pitches downward and when the water is on high it runs off down the hill toward the pool. The floor was poured at the correct pitch but the natural downslope of the land was not taken into consideration. A curb in that area was rejected because of tripping/safety concerns. The suggested solution of installing a perimeter drain which would empty into the pit was ok with Jeff and Vic. There will be no charge for the fix.
- Baseball netting – The Purchase Order from Recreation for the netting went out last week. The PO from the Borough for the installation was delayed and sent out today. Jeff received permission from the Borough Manager for Men's Softball to play without the nets.
- Park Cameras – The Rotary club will donate \$500 and Hawk Point will donate \$150. Premier Electric will install the cameras. Comcast has run the cables. The Borough paid for the trenching because they want time clocks in the park/pool for all workers. We may have to buy signs that say there are cameras in use. Kristine Blanchard has applied for a safety grant that would go to Recreation for the cameras.

Recreation Director's Report

- See attached written report - Item #10 – full time worker or director – As per Ethel the council will not hire a full timer person for the DPW/Park & pool. 1 full time DPW employee was just hired. Vic offered to write a letter to the Manager and Council explaining the need and benefits of hiring someone in 2016. Adam Zimmer moved that Vic Cioni write a letter to the Borough Council outlining the need for a DPW employee to be dedicated to the Park/Pool from April to October. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried. Vic will send the letter to the commissioners for review and comment before sending it to the Manager.
- See attached written report – Items #4 and #6 – #4 Vic stated that field usage fees were put in place when the lighting fees were sent to the Borough. That practice has been stopped. Recreation now receives the lighting fees. Adam Zimmer moved to waive the \$200 one time field usage fee for the Hope Township Baseball All Star Game. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried. Item #6 – Tom stated any other time the lining and preparing of the field is done by Little League representative they do not pay the \$45 fee. This All Star game fits the same criteria. Adam Zimmer moved to waive the \$45 one time field maintenance fee for the WC Little League All Star Game. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried.

Council Liaison's Report

- See Rec Director's Report above. Also, during a recent visit to the park Ethel saw a lady with two dogs on the ball field but she did not see any employee speak to her about the violation. The signs stating no dogs allowed on the field have been received but not yet put up. On the same day she witnessed an incident in which the police were called (by whom is unknown) because a child was playing loud music at the basketball court that may have contained bad language and he had plugged his radio into an outdoor outlet. The policeman said this could be considered stealing electricity from the borough. Ethel said none of the signs in the area contain rules about music or the use of the outlets. A discussion took place whether new signs should be put up citing rules about loud and/or offensive music.

Recreation Secretary's Report

- Free pool membership request – Jeff has reviewed the financial information submitted by a family (one adult and one child) and said they meet the standards for receiving a free family membership. Vic moved to issue a free family membership. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried.
- Refunds: Adult Zumba- two checks were submitted and deposited for the same Adult Zumba session. Swim Team/pool – prior to the Swim Team season starting a family contacted the Sharks president and

stated their child changed her mind about being on the team. They also requested a refund of the mandatory pool membership (individual). Vic moved to allow all refunds. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5. Motion carried

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 Iadevaia) – No report
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Brian Collum) – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson/Tom Iadevaia) – No report
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – No report
- Mens' Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – 2 teams have dropped out. The League may change to ASA next year to get more teams.
- Karate – No report.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) –No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – The High School Tennis coach wants 2 assistants. The \$100 donation would go toward them. The high school will not waive the court fee but they have not given Vic a definite number. They have only stated between \$50 and \$100.
- Lacrosse Clinic –No report.
- Adult Zumba – (Victor) – No report
- Men's Basketball – No report

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto – Absent.
- Adam Zimmer –No comments.
- Adam Robinson –Absent.
- Victor Cioni– No comments.
- Chris Zimmerman- No comments.
- Brian Collum –Absent.
- John Ruela – Absent.
- Tom Iadevaia – No comments.
- Heather Jorgensen – Absent.

Website

- We have 670 Facebook friends.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:19 PM**