

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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 7:04 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, Heather Jorgensen, John Ruela (7:15), Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Ethel Conry and Susan Turner

Audience Participation

- Vic moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Vic moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation closed.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Vic moved to approve the minutes from the 7/8/15 meeting. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 4. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

New Business:

- 2016 Project/budget request items – Victor submitted a list of 2016 projects/events/ideas and budget request items (attached). He asked the commissioners to think of any other budget request items and submit them. Vic moved to approve the in house projects and budget request items already submitted. Seconded by Heather Jorgensen. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried
- Pool cover bids- both estimates came in over the bid thresh-hold. The vendors agreed to offer discounts bringing the estimates under thresh-hold. The companies would drill into the concrete around the pool to set anchors, order and deliver the cover, assist with initial installation of cover in 2015 and removal in the spring of 2016. In future years Recreation and DPW would install and remove the cover. Commissioners asked for confirmation that the pool’s water level can be more than 6” below the gutters without affecting the warranty and if the warranty “depreciated” over the years or was on sliding scale based on the years of use. We will get a copy of the detailed warranty from whichever company selected. Both bids and companies were discussed. Tom Iadevaia moved to select Ray Palmer to provide and install the pool cover. Seconded by Heather. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2. Motion Carried.
- Main Pool Pump & Motor – In Jeff’s absence Susan gave additional information to item #8 on Rec Director’s Report. – The motor will begin overheating and shutting off more and more often. Jeff was told that these are usually good for 10 years and ours has been working for 15 years. Vic asked John Ruela to review the machinery and estimates. A new pump and motor would be a 2016 budget request item.

Old Business:

- Park cameras – Cameras have been ordered. No more wireless cameras can be added to the system. Any additional cameras will need to be wired directly into the DVR. Susan will check on delivery date.
- Baseball netting – See Director's Report item #1.
- Rec Director Comp Time – Vic has not had a meeting with Kristine yet.

Recreation Director's Report

- Ethel Conry asked if the mower mentioned in item #11 is the old or new mower. Susan will get answer from Jeff.

Council Liaison's Report

- Paving will be done in the borough by Tilcon and Kristine is trying to arrange for them to pave the handicap and parking area on Lower Park Drive.

Recreation Secretary's Report

- Swim Team & Individual pool membership refund – Michele Pinto had not submitted a request by a swim team member earlier this year. The child only attending one or two practices. Questions were raised if the child had used the membership to go to the pool this summer. Pool Front Desk attendance sheets will be reviewed. Vic moved to refund the Swim Team registration fee. He moved to refund the Pool membership fee only if it was not used. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Sports Programs – Liaison Reports

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – No report
- Easter Egg Hunt – (Heather Jorgensen) – No report
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – Adam has submitted his letter of resignation from the Commission. He has offered to help with the 5K race but Vic said we will need a lot of help and volunteers.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – Registration has been extended to August 31. Vic would like more signs at the pool and in common areas. Tom will send out emails.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Chris has spoken with the NJ Devils who are again changing their program to curb spending. Last year they gave us 52" nets but they will not give us the 72" nets needed at Memorial. The ones we have now are in very poor condition and must be replaced. Susan will check the Morris County co-op for pricing. The Devils are still giving us sticks and balls but they are more concerned with youth ice hockey than street hockey. Chris will reach out to the schools in September. He will also try to get more coaches. Vic will post the need for coaches on Facebook. Christ will continue the "pick game" style from last year since it was a big hit. Jeff had mentioned contacting/using the Armory. Chris has not heard anything definite from him.
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadavaia) – Tom has contacted James about the school calendar and booking gym time.
- Lil' Hoopsters – No Report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson/Tom Iadavaia) – No report
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadavaia) – Tom sent out an email asking for remaining uniforms to be returned..
- Mens' Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report
- Karate – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – The pool looks fantastic. Lots of people are attending and everyone is doing their job. Kudos to Jeff and the staff.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor) – The program is doing so well they have added two additional dates.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – Vic sent out the online survey and has received great responses. Patrons were very happy with the program.
- Lacrosse Clinic – No report.

- Adult Zumba – (Victor)
- Men's Basketball – No report

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto –Absent.
- Adam Zimmer – Absent.
- Adam Robinson –Absent.
- Victor Cioni–Since Adam Robinson has resigned we will need to elect a new Vice Chairperson. He asked commissioners to consider who they may elect.
- Chris Zimmerman- No comments.
- John Ruela –No comments.
- Tom Iadevaia –No comments.
- Heather Jorgensen –No comments.

Website

- We have 743 Facebook friends. Vic reminded commissioners that anyone can post on the Facebook page.

Recap

- Once the pool cover warranty is received copies will be distributed to the commission.
- Susan will get info from Jeff regarding mower.
- Susan will check the co-op pricing on hockey nets.

Adjournment

- Vic moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:01 PM**