

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 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, Joe Pinto, Adam Zimmer (7:36), Chris Zimmerman, Terry Thomas (sworn in at start of New Business section of this meeting). Also present: Jeff Greene, Recreation Director and Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

**Audience Participation**

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

**Minutes of Prior Meeting**

- Vic moved to approve the minutes from the 8/12/15 meeting. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**New Business:**

- Swearing in New Commissioner – Terry Thomas was sworn in as a new Recreation Commissioner.
- Vice Chairperson – Table until Adam Zimmer is present or at next meeting. Adam expressed an interest in the position.
- Preliminary Pool/Snack Bar season #'s – Susan compiled a preliminary set of profit/loss numbers for the pool and the snack bar. The final tally of expenses cannot be compiled until October when all of the September bills and payroll have been calculated. At this time the pool is showing a loss of about \$4,000 but all the capital improvement payments have not been moved around yet. The snack bar is showing a profit of about \$300. In relation to the payroll Jeff explained that the Pool Manager position is now being considered a Civil Servant position. Jeff changed the title for cashiers/life guards who are filling in/learning the position as this year's Managers leave for school. Based on the Civil Service description someone can be a Manager if they have 3 years' experience. At this time we have only one employee who would qualify. We had Managers in the past who did not have 3 years' experience. This will be addressed further next year prior to hiring Managers.

**Old Business:**

- Park Cameras – The specific information for ordering the cameras was received the day before the pool opening. The ordering was delayed because of this. When the company was contacted again they did not

have information on the order so it was placed again. Then Susan was told the company was being bought out and no longer accepts Purchase Orders. Jeff and Susan are looking into other companies.

- Softball/Baseball netting – Vic said it looks great. He wants to get more teams to justify the cost. The nets can be taken down but it is best to leave them in place.
- 2016 projects/budget request items – Temporary/ removable speed bumps for the parking areas on Upper Park Drive (Grandstand area). DPW can install them in the spring and remove them in the fall so they do not interfere with snow removal. Fence repair at Vara field. New pump for the pool. Vic said all items need to be submitted at the October meeting so they can be discussed and given to the Borough Manager.

### **Recreation Director's Report**

- Tom mentioned there have been email issues. Due to computer problems at Borough Hall Jeff has not been able to access the RecDirector email account. Everyone had been using his personal email address. When the “commission group email” was set up his personal address was not used and so he did not receive many emails. He is working on getting the RecDirector email account fixed.

### **Council Liaison's Report**

- No report.

### **Sports Programs – Liaison Reports**

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – The Sharks Vendor Fair will be held on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Easter Egg Hunt — No report
- 5k – (Victor Cioni) – Last year water and food (granola bars, bananas and bagels) were donated. Vic has contacted all of last year's sponsors/donors but not all have responded. The race will be held in Meadowbreeze Park in the Township for several reasons: Safety, people have moved cones/barricades at street intersections, we have had to hand deliver notification to every house on the race route which is very time consuming, we had to pay for 2 police officers and cars to block traffic on Belvidere Avenue, we had to post “No Parking” signs along Belvidere Ave which also took a lot of time. Vic is now working quite a distance away and does not have the time. At Meadowbreeze we will need to hang signs at the turns, and have 4 volunteers (minimum) to direct the runners. Vic is meeting with Greg from ARC next week to review race items. The 1 mile Fun Run will actually be .9 miles on a separate route inside the park. We will need separate volunteers for that. Joe has 1 volunteer from the Sharks. Vic said the Washington Borough PTO is eager to help. Joe will be working that day and not available. Tom will check his baseball schedule. Adam will volunteer at the race. Tom asked what needs to be done. V asked him to contact companies for food or money donations, find out if they want to be a sponsor and set up a table at the race. Susan will write a letter the commissioners can use when approaching businesses. The 5K website has been updated, only the final course map needs to be added. Susan will contact Woody Geary (timer) and set up the Purchase Order. Susan will send flyers to the schools. Susan will check what medals we have left from last year. Vic hopes to use the same shirts as last year but we have at least one sponsor, Jade Acquisitions, who will not be sponsoring this year. Next year maybe we should not put sponsors on the shirts but do something different to recognize them, perhaps a large banner at the race with names/logos on it. Vic sent Adam and Jeff the pre-race checklist. He will send it out to all the commissioners.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – The season has started. Vic has had communication issues with Terry Finnegan again, i.e., rosters and equipment. He said the fields look great. Vic needs all the names of the coaches to confirm background checks.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Jeff had the first of probably 4 meetings with personnel from the National Guard Armory. Chris asked for help with the program. Adam Zimmer offered since he has done it in the past. Chris will ask the NJ Devils for new balls. We will need new nets for Memorial. They cost around \$300. Chris would like them before the end of this year.
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadavaia) – We will start advertising around October 1.
- Lil' Hoopsters – We need someone to run this program and find sponsors. Perhaps Washington Kid Care and Enzo's.
- Youth Baseball – (Tom Iadavaia) – No report

- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – Tom asked about outstanding uniforms. Susan will let him know which ones have not been received. Tom can send an email to the coaches. Tom was told by Susan that Dufner was paid for 3 of the 4 umpire vouchers recently submitted, one of the 4 had already been paid in the spring.
- Mens Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – The season finished 2 weeks ago. Adam thanked Jeff and ACH Landscaping for the best field condition in years. They will be changing leagues next year which should bring in more teams. Adam would like to do a special night game for the Wounded Warriors next year.
- Karate – We only have a few signed up for this Session which starts Friday. Susan sent an email out to all of last year’s participants.
- Pool – (Victor) – The numbers and the pool look great. There have been no water leaks. The police have caught about 20 teenagers climbing the fence. Vic does not know if they are being prosecuted/charged with trespassing. Jeff will follow up with the police department.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor) – There has been great participation this season, averaging 17 for 2 weeks.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – We had the highest number of participants this summer. Vic sent out the post-program survey and received lots of positive feedback.
- Adult Zumba – (Victor) Carly is starting a session in Taylor St School gym that will finish by Basketball season.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Joe Pinto – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharks Swim Team Vendor Fair will be held Nov 7 in the Fire Hall, 9 am to 3 or 4 pm. Joe will send a flyer to Susan that will be sent to the school for approval and distribution. Joe would like to see the final construction numbers for the splash pad.
- Adam Zimmer – No comments
- Terry Thomas – Terry asked about the Sharks Vendor Fair – which prompted Joe’s comments above.
- Victor Cioni–
- Chris Zimmerman- No comments.
- John Ruela –No comments.
- Tom Iadevaia – His email on the website is incorrect. Vic will correct it.

### **Re-open New Business:**

- Vice-Chairperson – Adam Zimmer had expressed interest in being the Vice-Chairperson of the commission. Vic nominated Adam. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1. Nomination approved. Adam Zimmer is the Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson.

### **Website**

- We have 770 + Facebook friends. Vic wants to have 1000 by Christmas.

### **Recap**

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### **Adjournment**

- Vic moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:18 PM**