

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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, Terry Thomas , Adam Zimmer , Chris Zimmerman,
Also present: Ethel Conry, Council Liaison 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: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation closed.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Adam Zimmer moved to approve the minutes from the 9/9/15 meeting. Seconded by Vic Cioni. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

New Business:

- Water Wheel – This had been purchased many years ago, was only used a few times and has been stored in the shed at the field. The Rec Department needs a general purpose truck. The idea to barter the wheel for a truck was raised or possibly selling the water wheel. Vic emailed municipalities in Warren and Sussex counties. He heard from one person in Warren (Morris County) expressing interest. Joe Pinto suggested listing it on a gov.deal site and also checking the site for a truck.
- Online Store – The store is always open. The link is on the Boro website. Vic and Adam sent an email blast to the soccer parents about the merchandise available. Volunteers cannot sell the merchandise at games as other municipalities do. Adam Zimmer suggested handing out flyers. Chris mentioned that in Lopatcong the store owner himself goes to the games and sells the merchandise. Vic will email Armin at Allsports asking for his recommendations.
- Budget request items – Vic got an extension from Kristine for submitting items for the Borough Budget. Vic wants the okay to submit the list to council. Before the final submission Vic wants John Ruela and Kevin Shoudt (Veolia Water) to review and ok the pump numbers. Some items on the list have already been paid for out of Recreation funds and we are asking council to pay them back. A list of other items had been submitted/approved by the commission in August. We never received estimates for the fence repairs necessary at Vara field which was on the list. Also on the list was grating for the safety trough inside the pool. Since the standard sized grates don’t fit our gutters a custom design form was given to Jeff but it was never completed and/or submitted for an estimate. Vic will pull these items off the list

compiled in August. Vic will add removable speedbumps for the Upper Park Drive parking lot to the list yet to be submitted. Vic moved to remove the fence repairs and pool grate from the budget list. Seconded by Adam. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. Adam Zimmer moved to approve the list of budget items with flexibility regarding the necessity and cost of replacing the main pool pump. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 0 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried. List of Budget items to be submitted approved. Vic will send a final list of budget items to be submitted to all the commissioners.

- Painting estimates – Baseball Grandstand ceiling – Vic contacted Quality Painting but has not heard back. It was asked if community service workers could do this. Susan Turner stated that for liability reasons they are not allowed to work at heights or with any power tools. Our contact at the probation office was told at the end of August that we did not have enough work to start using another service worker. Vic said there are usually many, many hours these workers have to perform for the probation office and we should take advantage of them. Susan said that while many people are “assigned” to the Rec Department we are lucky to get 2 who contact us and then show up regularly to work. When they do come they usually cannot work more than a few hours a day for one or two days a week. Adam Zimmer proposed that in the future the decision to dismiss community service workers should be, at minimum, reinforced by a commissioner and at best brought before the commission. An ongoing “chore list” should be kept for them to work off of.

Old Business:

- Park Cameras – Vic suggested we have the Washington BID purchase the cameras and we reimburse them. Vic spoke with the head of the BID already.
- Pool winterization – Vic received a quote of \$3500 from RJR Engineering for winterizing the pool, wading pool, splash pad, pump house and pool bathrooms. He asked the Borough Manager to split the cost. He does not know if the COAH funds can be used for this. This does not cover the Grandstand bathrooms. Vic moved to approve \$1,750.00 for the pool winterization. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried.
Vic has not heard back from Whitney Plumbing with estimate for winterizing Grandstand. Vic wants the commission to authorize a plumber to winterize the grandstand after soccer season. Joe Pinto wants to get an estimate before the job is authorized.

Recreation Director’s Report

- No Report.

Council Liaison’s Report

- Ethel received an email from Kristine Blanchard stating that the paving at the park should be done when the company does Flower Avenue. The “No Dogs Allowed” signs for the park are in and will be put up soon.

Recreation Secretary’s Report

- Pavilion Rental Refund – A party requested a refund two weeks before the reserved date. Vic moved to refund the Pavilion Rental fee (\$25.00). Seconded by Terry Thomas. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Executive Session

- Adam moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the Recreation Director position. Seconded by Vic. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried
- Vic moved to close the Executive Session. Seconded by Adam. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Advertising for Recreation Director position – Vic will write up the duties of the Rec Director as well as a re-structuring proposal which he will email to all commissioners. Commissioners should review and comment by mid day Thursday, Oct 15. Vic can go to the next Borough Council meeting with the proposal if necessary. He still has the classified ad from last time so it is ready to post. It costs about

\$360 for one month of advertising. Vic moved to approve up to \$400 in advertising costs for the Recreation Director position. Seconded by Adam. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Sports Programs – Liaison Reports

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – The Sharks Vendor Fair will be held on Nov 7th.
- Easter Egg Hunt — No report
- 5k – (Victor Cioni) – Vic sent an email out to those who had been at the race asking for their input. We had the same number of runners as last year. Chris Zimmerman said there was a big 5K in Easton for a police officer on the same day. If we hold a race next year all commissioners have to work getting sponsors to cover the costs and generate some profit. In the future sponsors will get 2 t-shirts each. Adam asked Terry to take over the 5K program.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – The program is going well. Nick will reline the fields.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Chris met with the NJ Devils and their other youth hockey programs. There are warm up outfits available for purchase with an embroidered NJ Devils emblem on the front and a name and/or number on the back of the jacket. Susan will send Vic the name of Jeff's contact at the National Guard Armory.
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadavaia) – We have some sign ups. Vic has emailed James.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Terry Thomas) – My Way Carpet wants to be a sponsor. Susan will share the Google.docs roster with Terry and she will email him the Enzo's contact info. Terry and Vic will send Susan an updated flyer.
- Youth Baseball – (Tom Iadavaia) – No report
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadavaia) – No report.
- Mens Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report.
- Karate – No report.
- Pool – (Victor) – The pool cover looks really good. The handicap lift has been put away. The tables are stored and the fence between the pump house and splash pad has been stained.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report.
- Adult Zumba – (Victor) – No report.

Commissioner Comments

- Joe Pinto – No comments.
- Adam Zimmer – Adam is trying to put together a local tournament next summer the winner of which will face the Wounded Warriors team. Proceeds from the game would be shared with Wounded Warriors. Vic asked Adam about the possibility of an 1800's "Civil War" rules and dress game.
- Terry Thomas – No comments.
- Victor Cioni – No comments.
- Chris Zimmerman – No comments.
- John Ruela – No comments.
- Tom Iadavaia – No comments.

Website

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

Recap

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Adjournment

- Adam moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Seconded by Vic Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **9:05 PM**