

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Reorganizational Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

The Re-organizational Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Adam Zimmer 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: Tom Iadevaia, Joe Pinto, Terry Thomas, Adam Zimmer, Chris Zimmerman (7:45)
- Also Present: Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

Nomination and Appointment of Recreation Commission Officers

- Recreation Chairman –Terry Thomas moved to nominate Adam Zimmer as Chairman, seconded by Chris Zimmerman. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1, Absent: 2. Motion Carried
- Recreation Vice Chairman –Tom Iadevaia moved to nominate Terry Thomas as Vice Chairman, seconded by Chris Zimmerman. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1, Absent: 2. Motion Carried

Re-Appointment of Recreation Commissioner

- Chris Zimmerman- Chris was re-appointed as a Recreation Commissioner and sworn in by Adam Zimmer.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Terry Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the 12/9/15 meeting. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Minutes approved, motion carried.

Audience Participation

- Adam Zimmer moved to open the audience portion. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Adam Zimmer moved to close the audience portion. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Approval of Meeting Dates for 2016 –Terry moved to accept the meeting dates schedule for 2016. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Recreation Director Candidate/Interview – Cory Kozimor was not present but had previously met with Adam and Victor Cioni. Adam stated he does not have experience with pools but a lot with fields and sports. He is willing to learn. He would like to work with the Borough for a few years. He will have to interview with the Borough Manager before he interviews with the commission. At this time there are no other candidates but the ad Vic set up is still running and the Manager will also be placing an ad for the position.
- Online Store – Terry would like to compare the products, costs and turnaround time of Abilities with Allsports regarding the online Boro Bears Store. Terry had good results with Abilities when ordering coaches shirts. The commissioners agreed to look at the comparison. Terry will put together a “test” page and asked the commissioners to let him know any additional products they would like to see.
- Approval of Sports/Pool Liaisons.
 - Youth Basketball – Sean Farrington

- Easter Egg hunt – Group Collaboration – The egg hunt will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, March 19, rain date March 26. All commissioners will have to work on getting donations. Susan will update the donation request letter and send it out to all commissioners.
- Street Hockey – Chris Zimmerman/ Adam Zimmer
- Karate –John Ruela
- Girls Softball – Tom Iadevaia
- Youth Baseball/Little League – Tom Iadevaia
- Adult Softball – Adam Zimmer
- Tennis Clinic – Joe Pinto
- Youth Soccer – TBD- Adam will get in touch with Terry Finnegan
- Swim Lessons – Susan suggested setting up Swim Lessons with a liaison who can help schedule the lessons like games and practices are scheduled in other programs. This was not done by the pool liaison in the past - TBD
- 5K – Group Collaboration
- Swim Team – Joe Pinto
- Pool and Boro Park– Adam suggested the pool and Boro Park be handled as a separate business item with all commissioners submitting questions or concerns to the Chairperson who will work directly with the Rec Director.
- Zumba (Aqua, Adult & Kids) – Susan suggested combining all Zumba programs. Adam suggested a monthly report be submitted by Carly Sopko who will work directly with the Rec Director. All commissioners agreed with this approach.
- Recreation Website/Facebook Page – Terry Thomas

Old Business

- Hockey Goals – Chris Zimmerman said the hockey goals that were ordered are not heavy duty nor are they able to be disassembled easily. They will have to be stored in the closet fully assembled and will get beaten up by the school kids putting away gym equipment. He requested they be returned and the heavy duty ones ordered. The cost of the return and the additional cost for the heavy duty goals will be about \$100 - \$150. Joe Pinto moved to approve the return of the goals and the order of heavy duty goals. Seconded by Terry Thomas. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2. Motion carried.

Reports

- Council Liaison - No Report.
- Recreation Secretary – Basketball refunds – One child in Youth Basketball broke his arm at the beginning of the season. A child in Lil Hoopsters was staying in Washington with relatives and has returned to live with her parents in another town. Both are requesting refunds. Hockey refund – A parent is requesting a refund or re-application of fees paid because her 3rd grader who is already in Basketball will not be able to handle Hockey as well. Practice is just starting. Adam moved to allow all three refunds. Seconded by Terry. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- Recreation Secretary – Finances – Susan passed on information regarding Trust account balance. At the end of 2015 Recreation had a balance of about \$26,000 to cover all working capital expenditures. This does not include any COAH funds which are to be used solely for capital improvements. At the end of 2014 there was a balance of about \$75,000. At the end of 2013 there was a balance of about \$29,000. Commissioners will have to be mindful of spending.
- Recreation Secretary – Uniform invoices – There are 5 Girls Softball uniforms that have not been returned from the 2015 season. Susan has sent out invoices for the replacement cost but has not gotten any response. She would like approval to draft a “Third and Final Notice” letter for the Borough Manager and Borough Attorney to review. All commissioners will be copied on email correspondence regarding the letter. All commissioners agreed to go ahead as requested.
- Recreation Secretary – Washington Messenger newsletter – Vic told Susan one of the commissioners will have to write up a short newsletter to be submitted to the Messenger monthly. None of the commissioners in attendance volunteered. A request will be sent out to the absent commissioners.

Sports Programs – Liaison Reports

- Youth Basketball – Lil Hoopsters has 39 participants. The coaches are working well and the kids are engaged. Youth Basketball has over 100 kids. Franklin schools, the Warren Hills Middle School and High School have all given them gym time. 5/6 Grade is the biggest group. Youth XL uniform size needs to be removed from the registration form. Tom asked if we can get chairs set up on the sideline for the teams to use, 6 chairs per team. We would need to get approval from Mr. Rosza and /or Mr. White. Tom asked about access to the equipment closet. Chris told him the janitor should open it. He said the janitor had taped it open.
- Easter Egg Hunt– No report.
- Street Hockey – Chris Zimmerman said the program at Taylor Street includes one game a week beginning part way through the season. Last year the referee did not receive any compensation for these games. He requested the commission approve paying \$15 per game played at Taylor Street. Tom Iadevaia moved to approve \$15 per game referee fee at Taylor Street. Seconded by Terry. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2 Motion carried.
- Karate – No report.
- Girls’ Softball –The 1st meeting is this Sunday. Susan will update the registration form and flyer for the website and schools. Tom will send info to Terry to put on Facebook.
- Youth Baseball/Little League – No report.
- Adult Softball – The 1st meeting is next Wednesday. Steve Smith will help Adam with the league. Umpires will have the authority to put away bases and/or equipment. Adam will look into prices of a “launch pad” which keeps everything level. If it is a good price he will ask ACF Landscaping (who sponsors a team) to install it. Adam hopes to have 8 teams. The new league has more teams in this area.
- Tennis Clinic - No report
- Youth Soccer – No report.
- Swim Lessons– No report.
- Pool /Park Status – No report
- Swim Team– The parent meeting is coming up. Joe will send the date and time to Susan to reserve room at Borough Hall.
- Zumba – No report
- 5K – No report

Commissioner Comments

- No comments.

Website

- Terry asked commissioners to send him information they want posted on the Facebook page.

Adjournment

Adam Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Tom.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Adjourn **8:19 PM**