

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey  
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2016 - 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 7:00 p.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: Sean Farrington, Tom Iadevaia, Joe Pinto, John Ruela (left at 9:13), Terry Thomas, Adam Zimmer (left at 9:05), Chris Zimmerman (arrived 7:30). Also present: Ethel Conry, Council Liaison and Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary.

**Audience Participation**

- Terry moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Adam Robinson spoke with the commissioners about the Youth Baseball program. The WBYB has combined with the WHYB under the WHYB name. They are trying to raise enough money to buy and install a solar powered scoreboard for Steinhardt field. There would be no cost to the Recreation Department. The placement has not yet been determined but security will be a factor. There will be security cages over the solar panels. He also asked permission for sponsor signs to again be hung inside the fence at Steinhardt. 2 years ago they were torn down when hung on the outside. Last year they were only hung inside. Joe Pinto moved to allow WHBY to hang sponsor signs on the inside of Steinhardt field fence during the baseball season. Seconded by Terry Thomas. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0. Motion carried.
- Terry moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Terry moved to approve the minutes from the 1/13/16 meeting. Seconded by. Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent:1 . Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**New Business:**

- Candidate Interviews – Delayed until after online store presentation.
- Donations requests – PTO, Washington Nursery School - The Washington Borough PTO and Washington Nursery School have both requested a donation for fundraising activities. In the past Recreation has donated several one day pool passes. The PTO would prefer a family seasonal pool pass but will be happy with any donation. The Nursery School did not specify anything. Susan told the commissioners a family seasonal pool pass costs \$195.00. Other donations could include a week or several days of pool passes, Tennis Clinic registration, or 5k registration. Terry moved to give donations which offered the choice of several days family pool passes, tennis clinic registration or 5K registration

to the winner. Seconded by John Ruela. Ayes: 6 Nays:0 Absent: 1. Susan will review the costs and advise the commissioners.

### **Old Business:**

- Online store presentation – Terry presented the Spirit Page created with Abilities Promotional Products. Abilities offers a variety of clothing and accessories that would be printed with the Washington Borough Logo. The items presented showed the base cost. Any additional amount added would profit the Recreation Department. Abilities does not require a contract with the Rec Department. The only items that require a minimum order are bulk order items (water bottles, magnets, etc.). The commissioners will review the products and pricing prior to our next meeting. Terry will bring sample products to the next meeting. Terry will contact Rite-Aid to see if they will carry the items alongside the Warren Hills Blue Streaks items.

### **New Business:**

- Candidate Interviews – Corey Kozimor and Jeff Greene were interviewed for the Recreation Director Position.
- Tom moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the candidates. Seconded by Terry. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
- Adam moved to come out of Executive Session. Second by Chris. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Commissioners were asked to vote for their choice of candidate to fill the Recreation Director position. The vote was unanimous for Corey Kozimor. Adam will notify Kristine Blanchard tomorrow morning.
  - Adam Zimmer had to leave the meeting after the vote. Terry Thomas took over control of the meeting.

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

- Pavilion repair – The manager has received 3 estimates for the work to be done. It should begin in March. There is a \$1,000.00 deductible which the borough will pay and the juveniles will reimburse. No payments have been made by the juveniles yet. The case is still in the prosecutor's office.

### **Recreation Secretary's Report**

- No report.

### **Sports Programs**

- Easter Egg Hunt — No report.
- 5k – (commission) – No report.
- Youth Soccer – (TBD) – No report.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –The hockey goals are official heavy duty ones. They are working out very well. The program is going well. Their attendance, especially among the older kids has been down a bit due to illness. The last day will be at the end of March, probably the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – Sean asked if the Referee Scheduling payment had been taken care of. He and Susan will contact James Sawyer.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Terry Thomas) – The program finished last Thursday. Pictures have been posted on Facebook (all picture consent forms were checked prior to posting). Parents have been sent the link to the end of season survey. Most common comment is that more volunteers are needed. The parents and kids loved that they got to play a scrimmage on the last day.
- Youth Baseball – (Tom Iadevaia) –They have a meeting next month. Tom will submit the form to reserve Vara & Steinhardt fields.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – Tom asked Terry to post sign up deadline on Facebook. He has a league meeting on 2/21 at which he needs to declare the number of teams. Susan confirmed she received the email request for a Certificate of Insurance from Beth Uporsky.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report
- Karate – (John Ruela)- Session 3 will start in a few weeks.

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will send Susan the date for a parent meeting. They will want the council chambers reserved. Susan will send Joe the roster from last year so he can send out a bulk email to all parents about signing up.
- Pool – (commission) –No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Joe Pinto) – No report.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Sean Farrington–No comments.
- Tom Iadevaia – No comments.
- Joe Pinto – No comments
- John Ruela - Absent.
- Terry Thomas – No comments
- Adam Zimmer - Absent.
- Chris Zimmerman –No comments.

### **Website**

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### **Recap**

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### **Adjournment**

- Terry Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Seconded by Tom . Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **9:25 PM**