

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey  
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2016 - 7:30 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 7:32 p.m.

**Opening 7:00 p.m.**

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of Adequate Notice**

- Terry Thomas 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: Rick Feldman, Tom Iadevaia, Joe Pinto (7:35), Terry Thomas, and Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Ethel Conry, Council Liaison and Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary.

**Audience Participation**

- Rick Feldman moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Tom Iadevaia. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Michael Scott introduced himself. With Jeff Greene’s approval last summer he held two one day free basketball clinics at the park. He had 40 -50 participants. He would like to do the same this summer and possibly have an indoor facility available in case of bad weather. If possible, Mike would like it to be a 3 day clinic which would focus on skills. He would like to work with Recreation to make it cost effective, ideally it would be free. He has run similar clinics/programs through the YMCA in Pennington. Mike distributed flyers he had posted last year. Rick asked how much lead time he would need. Mike said a few weeks would work but the more lead time there is, the more kids know about it. Mike would need coaches/ assistant coaches, possibly teenagers from the High School teams. He would like to provide the kids with a t-shirt, wrist band, or trophy; something tangible from the event. He will give each child a written assessment of their skills and ways to improve. This would not conflict with Future Streaks since it is not a league.
- Rick moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Tom. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation closed.
- Discussion – Rick asked about last year. Commissioners did not remember this. Susan advised that Jeff had informed the commission about the one day clinics and the signs being put up at the basketball court. Susan said other clinics are usually 5 days and cost around \$40. Ideas were discussed about the cost – Joe – charge \$10 for a one day clinic, give the kids a t-shirt and it will keep them interested; Chris – we could keep it free and sell t-shirts for \$5.00, but shirts cost \$6-\$7 each. Finding an indoor area would be difficult. The Elementary schools’ gyms are not available in the summer, the middle school has a summer Rec program through July and the High school has Basketball. Rick said if the clinic is run by Rec it is covered through our insurance. Otherwise Mike would need to get coverage.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Terry moved to approve the minutes from the 4/13/16 meeting. Seconded by Tom. Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:3 . Motion carried. Minutes approved.

### **New Business:**

- Appoint Liaisons to Soccer and Swim Lessons – Tom volunteered to be the Soccer Liaison. No volunteer for Swim Lessons.
- Reduced rate request for Pavilion rental – Carly Sopko wants to hold 5 sessions of Kids Zumba at the Pavilion. The usual rental period is 4 hours. Carly would use the pavilion a total of 5 – 6 hours for all 5 sessions. She requested a reduced rate based on the total time she would use the pavilion. Rick Feldman moved to keep the regular fee of \$25 per 4 hour period per day.

### **Old Business:**

- Washington KidCare –Washington Kid Care requested reduced admission cost for some of their summer program attendees whose “tuition” is paid by Norwescap. These families face financial difficulties. Since the commission cannot change the actual cost of admission they considered donating Free Child Daily Admission coupons. They want a letter from Norwescap stating how many children they cover. Rick asked if we would put a limit on the number of coupons. Terry will contact Nicole to find out how many children they hope to assist.
- Pavilion repairs –Repairs have not been started because of bad weather. The Borough Manager has to contact the contractor.
- Determine Alternate Commissioner – Rick spoke with the Manager who said Tom does not need a reason to step down. Rick asked who replaced Tim Shanahan as Alternate commissioner. Susan will check files. For Tom to become Alternate commissioner he would have to resign, complete a Borough volunteer form, be approved by and appointed by the Mayor and have a resolution passed by the Borough Council. Tom said he is not moving and chose to remain as a regular commissioner.
- Vending Machines – Corey said there is no vending machine in the pool house, it is a cooler/refrigerator. Most commissioners like the idea of keeping one vending machine at the Grand Stand. The commission would need to determine if it is more likely to make money or get vandalized. Any contract would need to assure the commission gets a portion of the sales. Rick moved to table the discussion until further information was received. Seconded by Chris. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion passed.

### **Recreation Director’s Report**

- Corey received a complaint that the park rules signs are only within the park and not posted at the entrances. This resident’s child was ticketed for trespassing. Since there is no specific park entrance and people can walk into it from multiple areas it would be difficult to post. Commissioners recommended Corey get a copy of the police report. The suggestion for additional signs will be taken under advisement.
- Corey has been interviewing Managers and Lifeguards.
- He took the Certified Pool Operators class and passed the certification test.
- Corey wants to meet with John Ruela at the pool to look at the pump. He is meeting with Kevin Shoudt from Veolia to review the pump/pipes. They plan to begin pumping out water tomorrow.
- The pool cover was removed, set on pallets and will be covered. Commissioners asked about a roller. Corey and Susan will look into the cost and/or other removal systems.
- Ray Palmer & Associates told Corey to use the old pump. They can cut the pipes and replace the pump in 2 hours once the new pump is received.
- Corey will send the commissioners an update on the pool in 2 weeks.
- ACF Landscaping has put granular weed & feed on the fields. They will spray at the end of this week or beginning of next week.
- The 3 wheeler has been fixed.
- The bathrooms at the Grandstand had leaks which have all been fixed.
- Once the Pavilion is done and the camera installed all the cameras have to be “synced”. The cameras are not infrared but there is security lighting at the park.

### **Council Liaison’s Report**

- Ethel said according to the Borough Manager the pavilion repair work is to be started next week.

## Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — No report.
- 5k – (commission) –We will most likely hold the race in town instead of MeadowBreeze park. All commissioners were encouraged to begin reaching out to sponsors.
- Youth Soccer – (Tom Iadevaia) –Tom will reach out to Vic Cioni and Terry Finnegan.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –Chris emailed the Devils requesting new equipment.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – No report.
- Lil’ Hoopsters – (Terry Thomas) – No report.
- Youth Baseball – (Tom Iadevaia) –
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – Season is under way.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) –
- Karate – (John Ruela) - No report.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will email the Swim meet schedule to the commissioners. Joe had someone contact him about reduced pool membership. He will have them contact Susan. The Sharks are doing a Spirit page through Abilities. Flyers have been sent to all schools in the area. About 20 participants are signed up. The timer is in the wooden storage shed in the pump house.
- Pool – (Rick Feldman) –Rick and Corey went around the park and pool area together. More mulch is needed at the playground and a swing is missing. The large pump in the pool house is too rusted to use. Rick and Corey do not know if the well pump still works. The freezer in the concession stand has a sticker stating only Dingman’s Dairy items allowed. Rick asked if we have a contract with them. Susan will get information. Cleaning and powerwashing need to be done. Terry asked if there are any special events planned for opening day. Right now nothing additional is set up. Rick said since the pool commercial on the Recreation Facebook page shows a child diving and we do not allow any diving at our pool it should be removed. Rick moved to have the commercial removed from Facebook. Seconded by Chris. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion passed.
- Tennis Clinic – (Joe Pinto) –The High School coach wants to do 2 weeks, one for older/more skilled players and one for younger/less skilled players. The clinic would run from 8 – 11 am July 25 -29 and Aug 1 – 5. There would be 3 assistant coaches each week at a cost of \$150 per week plus court fees. Last year the court fees were \$50. Check to find out if it’s \$50 per week or per group.
- Zumba –

## Commissioner Comments

- Sean Farrington–Absent.
- Rick Feldman – Rick said the Fee Schedule we were using was last year’s. Ethel said it was approved last year for use this year. Susan will print a copy.
- Tom Iadevaia – No comments.
- Joe Pinto – No comments
- John Ruela – Absent
- Terry Thomas – No comments
- Adam Zimmer – Absent
- Chris Zimmerman – No comments

## Website

- We have 855 Facebook friends. Lots of people are sharing posts.

## Recap

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## Adjournment

- Terry moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. Seconded by Joe. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed.  
Adjourn **9:28 PM**