

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey  
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 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 7:06 p.m.

**Opening 7:06 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, Rick Feldman, Joe Pinto, Terry Thomas, Adam Zimmer (left meeting at 8:07) and Chris Zimmerman. Also present: Corey Kozimor, Recreation Director, 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 Terry Thomas. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Audience participation portion opened.
- No Audience present. Rick moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Chris Zimmerman. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Rick moved to approve the minutes from the 6/8/16 meeting. Seconded by Joe Pinto. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:2 . Motion passed. Minutes approved.

**New Business:**

- Lifeguards - Rick and Adam Zimmer believe we need a 3<sup>rd</sup> lifeguard on duty. Corey stated they are well within New Jersey State regulations which require 1 guard for every 60 bathers. When a large Daycare visits, when bathers get clustered or there’s not a lot of room between them the Managers use a 3<sup>rd</sup> guard. The Managers are certified lifeguards and will cover a chair until another guard arrives if it is necessary. The Managers do not feel a 3<sup>rd</sup> guard is needed regularly. The 2 guards usually used will scan the pool in front of them and both scan the “corner”. Adam said regulations require a guard by a slide who must watch just the slide. Commissioners feel it is better to be safe and have a 3<sup>rd</sup> guard on duty Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays when the pool has the most bathers. They also feel a guard should be “on call” other days in case a 3<sup>rd</sup> is needed. Terry Thomas moved to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> guard on duty Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and another guard “on call”. Seconded by Chris. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion passed.

Joe Pinto said there are times when no lifeguard is in the Baby Pool area and older kids run through to the Splash Pad or get “rough” and knock over smaller children. Rick moved to have a lifeguard on duty in the Baby Pool/Splash Pad area at all times. Seconded by Terry. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion passed.

Rick said the sign on the Baby Pool fence reading “small children must be accompanied by an adult” is not enough. Small children cannot read. The gate, which should be self-closing and self-latching , does not close properly.

### **Executive Session:**

- Rick moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Director/Commissioner interactions. Seconded by Adam. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion passed.
- Rick moved to end Executive Session. Seconded by Sean Farrington. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

### **New Business continued:**

- Umbrellas / Lounge chairs – Susan Turner stated John Ruela wanted to discuss purchasing additional umbrellas and lounge chairs, especially an umbrella for the baby pool area. Sean suggested regular chairs too. Chris said some other pools rent chairs to the patrons. Terry moved to table the discussion until the next meeting when John is present. Seconded by Chris. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- Online Store –New items have been posted. We should receive another check soon. There will be sports specific items for soccer. Terry is getting good feedback.
- Pavilion repairs – Susan distributed a Contractor’s proposal and payment schedule she received from the Borough Finance Office today. The first payment was made to the contractor and the Finance Office was told he has ordered the material and a dumpster and plans to start Monday. Corey will contact the Mayor about the contractor. Terry offered to serve as point of contact with the contractor. Terry suggested discussing at the next meeting a news release for the papers after the work is completed.
- Fee Schedule – The Borough Manager’s email contained seemingly contradictory information. Rick will review it further. Rick moved to table discussion on the Fee Schedule. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

### **Recreation Director’s Report**

- Corey reviewed the pool membership numbers. We just passed last year’s total membership dollar amount though our total number of patrons is lower than last years, so far. He will send the numbers to the commissioners.
- The speakers at the pool blew out the first night of Aqua Zumba. It is believed the instructor turned the volume all the way up though no one saw her do so as the Manager was in the concession stand at the time. The instructor has requested free passes for all 30 people who were in attendance that night. Rick moved to issue 30 free passes for Aqua Zumba as reimbursement for the July 6 class. Seconded by Sean. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed.
- Corey is concerned the new pump is not the correct one for a pool our size. John Ruela had told him it should regulate the flow on its own but it was going too strong and building up air pockets which in turn threw off the chlorine. Ray Palmer & Assoc. said the old pump was too small and this one is regulation. Rick suggested we compile all paperwork we have on the pump for review. Corey would like John to look at the pump again.
- The Chlorine testing has been off in the Splash Pad. The Splash Pad loses water which Corey replaces which throws off the chlorine balance. Corey has purchased an additive to keep the sun from burning off chlorine. The splash pad has been cut off/separated mechanically from the baby pool. There have been no Health Department or lab visit problems. The main pool and baby pool have been fine.
- Playground mulch is expected the end of next week.
- Basketball camp/clinic will be this weekend. The backboards have been repainted. Several commissioners asked if Mike, who presented the idea to the commission in May, ever submitted any additional requests, paperwork, proof of insurance, etc. He can hold games on the court but cannot charge a fee. Terry said he had called Mike after the May meeting but never heard back from him. Terry will try to contact him again.
- The clay on the baseball and softball fields is covered in weeds. Corey contacted ACF Landscaping to spray those areas with weedkiller.

### **Council Liaison’s Report**

- No report.

### **Recreation Secretary’s Report**

- No report.

## **Sports Programs**

- Easter Egg Hunt — No report.
- 5k – (commission) – Commissioners need to reach out to sponsors, local businesses. The list of past sponsors is on Google.docs. Susan will send the donation/sponsor request letter to commissioners as well as the Borough map and road closure notice. Once sponsors are locked down the shirt artwork will need to be submitted to Abilities. Rick suggested that volunteers on the course wear the 5K shirt in a different color. The boro5K site needs to be updated. Vic and Jessica Olmos had set it up years ago.
- Youth Soccer – (Tom Iadevaia) – No report (absent).
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) – Chris placed an equipment order with the Devils. He got rid of a lot of the older sticks. Terry will post a Thank you to the Devils on the Facebook page. Parents and kids who have “aged out” of the program have asked Chris about putting together a teen and/or all ages league. Terry will put out feelers on Facebook. Right now they can do pick up games at the park.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – James Sawyer reported that due to the new Athletic Director’s reservation system they (and local Rec programs) are getting better practice times at the Middle School and High School gyms.
- Lil’ Hoopsters – (Terry Thomas) –No report.
- Youth Baseball – (Tom Iadevaia) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – No report.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – No report.
- Karate – (John Ruela) - No report.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe has receipts from Belvidere Pool to be submitted for reimbursement. The teams meet scores have gone up greatly. There are 2 meets left. The Championship will be 7/30 in Lopatcong. We cannot hold a championship because our pool is not metered. The Swim Team picnic will be one night during the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> at the pool.
- Pool – (Rick Feldman) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Joe Pinto) – The courts have been reserved. The Purchase Order for water and snacks has been created. Susan will send the roster to Tom Powers and look for the t-shirt artwork to send to Abilities.
- Zumba – No report.

## **Commissioner Comments**

- Sean Farrington–None.
- Rick Feldman –None.
- Tom Iadevaia – Absent
- Joe Pinto – Joe’s family went to the pool early one afternoon when the weather was cloudy and calling for rain and it was closed. Joe feels it should have been open since it was not thundering. Corey said that day there had been only one person at the pool by 1:30 and that person had only stayed a short time. The commissioners agreed that unless there have been 2 calls of thunder/lightning in a row the pool should remain open. In any other situation Rick suggested Corey or a pool manager contact the liaison and chairperson for their opinions and go with the majority vote.
- John Ruela – Absent
- Terry Thomas – None.
- Adam Zimmer – None
- Chris Zimmerman – None.

## **Website**

- Terry has the administrative password and full control of the site. Corey and Adam have the ability to update the page. We have 896 Facebook friends and lots of shares.

## **Adjournment**

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