

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2018 - 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**

- Chairperson Rick Feldman 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: Dan Almind, Rick Feldman, Mark Garrison, Craig Geller, James Sawyer. Also present: Gary Masenior, Recreation Director, and Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary.

**Audience Participation**

- Craig Geller moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Mark Garrison. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Absent: 2, Abstain: 0. Motion passed. Audience participation portion opened.
- No audience members present.
- Craig Geller moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Mark Garrison. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0. Motion passed. Audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Gary noted that in Old Business Matt Hall, the Borough Manager, not Gary, spoke with the Washington Township Manager regarding the solar field near the Railroad Avenue property. Mark Garrison moved to accept the corrected minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Basketball – Gary noted that at the last meeting Bill Lyons’ resignation from the commission was accepted but he will still be doing things for the basketball program. Gary would like authorization to continue working with Bill Lyons as a parent volunteer. James will continue as liaison, have Bill copy him on all emails and remind him all purchases must go through the Recreation office. Since all information will go to James, the liaison, no formal authorization to work with Bill is necessary.
- Webpage/ Internet Activity – James Sawyer would like to create a Recreation webpage separate from the Borough’s website since the Borough site needs improvement. The Rec Office could have administrative access and be able to update information. There would be a minimal cost to purchase the domain name and a small monthly maintenance cost. He has contacted the Borough Manager but not heard back. Rick asked Gary to talk with the Borough Manager.

**Old Business:**

- Railroad Avenue property – Craig said the walking trails have been cut. Dan asked why Robin Klimko was not present since she cited a lot of issues when they talked last week, including: Washburn residents and Mr. Kries do not want the property developed, they complained about the increased and speeding traffic since we started working on the property, she claims they were promised years ago that all work would be done only near the power lines, and that they have not been able find out when and where our meetings about the property are held. Gary said he personally spoke with Mr. Kries who is in favor of the property development. Mark Garrison spoke with two Washburn residents who like the woods but would like a park where their children could play. James said speeding on Washburn has always been a problem. Rick said no promises were ever made about how the property would or would not be developed. Gary said the only item he has discussed was keeping the milkweed undisturbed and the milkweed is in an area that would not be developed anyway. Several commissioners and the Secretary stated that all meetings and agendas are posted and announced as per regulations. Gary asked if the residents and Mr. Kries approached Robin or vice versa. Dan did not know. Dan said due to Robin’s statements

we should consider using the Washburn egress as an emergency or secondary exit. Gary said the Borough Manager met with the Washington Township Manager who will open access from Washburn using a driveway permit. Gary said the access from Washburn is the easiest and most cost effective to use. There are possible restrictions to using the Railroad Avenue access due to the railroad tracks and the ditch that would have to be filled. Dan suggested installing a culvert instead. Rick feels the commission is getting ahead of itself and there are still many items, some of which we may not be aware of, that should be addressed first. Gary has a report from many years ago that may cover some of these. He will bring it to the next regular meeting. James asked that it also be emailed to the commissioners prior to the meeting.

### **Recreation Director's Report**

- Gary reported there were 6 fewer lifeguards working at the pool in 2018 than in 2017 which did cause some problems. In 2018 the pool was open 65 days, in 2017 it was open 71 days. Gary distributed and reviewed 2018 projects/ purchases that were to be completed by the end of the year. The costs were included in the 2018 budget. Gary distributed and reviewed the Preliminary 2018 sports programs revenue and expenses. Assuming there are no more soccer expenses this season he plans to buy new goals. Gary told the commission the Borough Manager wants budget numbers by Nov 1 so he will need their program projections at the next meeting. Rick said they will need to look at all programs together in an overall report before they can submit projections. Gary had distributed the Preliminary 2018 Pool Program numbers at the last meeting. Rick told commissioners to bring in projections for their programs and any other budget items they want reviewed.
- Gary said the Borough Manger asked him to find out several things about the swim team: Will we have a swim team next year. Rick said Yes. There is a league meeting Monday, 10/15. Who will run the team? Rick said a combination of the Rec Department and the Parents Association. Has the Parents Association done the paperwork? Rick said there are no parents to run the association since there was not a team this year. Did they complete the audit? Rick said not to his knowledge. Is any money left in their bank account? Rick said he's sure there is. Craig asked where does that money go? Rick did not answer but then stated "I don't think we should deal with it right now."
- Mark Garrison asked if Recreation wants to set up a baseball program since the Warren Hills baseball program has been dissolved. Rick said yes but wants to know what would be involved before moving forward.

### **Communications**

- No Communications submitted.

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

- No report - Absent

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

- No report.

### **Sports Programs**

- Easter Egg Hunt — (all commissioners) – No report
- 5k – (commission) – The task list was reviewed and updated. Road closure notices will be delivered to residents along the race route no later than Sunday Oct 21. Volunteers are needed to man the turns. Rick wants to have a meeting next Wednesday to discuss the 5K preparations. Dan said he can boost the event on Facebook but there may be a cost involved. Rick said that will be decided at next week's meeting. Dan will private message Oxford and Franklin Recreation Facebook pages to post our race notice.
- Youth Soccer – (James Sawyer) – Coach Steve Deming paid referee fees for the Harmony tournament out of his pocket. James moved to reimburse Steve Deming \$120 (\$30 per game X 4 games) for referee fees at the Harmony soccer tournament. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Absent: 2, Abstain: 0. Motion passed. James will send the invoice to Susan.
- Street Hockey – (Adam Zimmer) – Absent
- Youth Basketball – (James Sawyer) – Absent
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Craig Geller) –No report.
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Zimmer) -Absent.
- Girls Softball – (Mark Garrison) – No report.
- Adult (Men's) Softball – (Adam Zimmer) –Absent.
- Karate – () – No report.
- Swim Team – (Rick Feldman) –Discussed during the Rec Director's report.
- Swim Lessons (Rick Feldman) – No report.
- Pool – (Rick Feldman) – No report.

- Tennis Clinic – (Joe Pinto) –Absent.
- Zumba – No report.

### **Executive Session**

- No Executive Session.

### **Facebook page**

- No report

### **Recap**

- Gary will send the preliminary revenue/expense reports for all programs to the commissioners.

### **Comments**

- Dan Almind – No comments
- Mark Garrison –No comments
- Craig Geller – No comments
- Rick Feldman – No comments
- Joe Pinto – Absent
- James Sawyer – No comments
- Adam Zimmer – Absent
- Gary Masenior – No comments

### **Adjournment**

- James Sawyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Absent: 2, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.  
Adjourn **8:35 PM**