

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019 - 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 7:03 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Dan Almind 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.”

Flag Salute

Roll Call

- Present: Dan Almind, Sean Farrington, Craig Geller, and Spencer Nicholson. Also present: Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

Audience Participation:

- Craig Geller moved to open audience participation. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2. Motion passed.
- No audience members present.
- Craig Geller moved to close audience participation. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2. Motion passed.

Minutes of Prior meeting:

- Craig Geller moved to approve minutes from the August 29, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Sean Farrington. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2.

New Business:

- Dan Almind asked for a motion to move the remaining Thursday meeting dates to the fourth Wednesday of each month. The change to Thursday was made to accommodate a previous commissioner. Craig Geller moved to change the second meeting of each month from the fourth Thursday to the fourth Wednesday. Seconded by Sean Farrington. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2. Motion passed.
- Dan Almind met with Project Graduation. While the main discussion was about the 5K they did mention several fundraising and awareness raising activities they do, some of which Dan feels we could do also, including a Harlem Wizards nights for Li'l Hoopsters and partnering with a 3rd party to hold roadside cleanup events.

Old Business:

- Budget Discussion – Dan asked all commissioners to compile lists and costs of all things they will need or want for their programs. Susan sent expense and revenue information to all commissioners for their programs. Dan asked Susan to look into a storage wheel for the pool cover. Susan and Spencer Nicholson suggested a special budget meeting be set up in mid-October so the budget can be submitted on time. Susan distributed information comparing area pools’ membership rates, daily rates, Senior rates and special rates.

Reports:

- Recreation Secretary – Susan confirmed the family who requested their Family Pool Membership Certificate be transferred to 2020 did not use the pool in the 2019 season. Craig Geller moved to allow the family to use their 2019 Pool Membership Certificate for a 2020 season Family Pool Membership. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2. Motion passed.

Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — (all commissioners) – No report
- 5k – (commission) – Dan met with Project Graduation. We will set the race date for Oct 26. They are still waiting for confirmation of the date for Community day. We will have the Project Graduation logo printed on the back of the 5K shirts. Sponsor logos/names will be printed on a banner to be hung at the park. Costumes will be encouraged. Group pricing was discussed. Groups of 8 or more runners (5K only) will be charged \$20 per person through Race Day. All other prices will remain the same. Susan will update the registration form to include space for groups. Each runner in a group will have to sign the registration. The Fun Run will be one lap around the stadium track. It will be held at 9:30, the 5K will start at 10:00. Susan will send the checklist to all commissioners,

she will talk with the BID about promoting the race among downtown businesses, update 5k/runners websites and update the flier and send it out to the schools.

- Youth Soccer – () – No report.
- Street Hockey – (Spencer Nicholson) – Spencer will set up a meeting with Gary Masenior to get information on the program.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – Sean read an email from Bill Lyons. He would like to open registration September 23 and close it Nov 8. Susan suggested it be either Nov 7 or Nov 11 so she can close the online registrations before or after the weekend. Sean will confirm a date with Bill. Bill wants to send the flier to the school 4 times. Susan said it is usually done 2 times. 3 were agreed upon. We will continue with 10 person teams. The flier will be posted to the Facebook page and sent to the school for approval.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Craig Geller) –No report.
- Girls Softball – (Craig Coughlan) – No report
- Karate – (Sean Farrington) – No report.
- Swim Lessons (Dan Almind) – No report.
- Pool – (Craig Coughlan) – The commission want the pool covered. Susan will talk with the Borough Manager about the DPW schedule and when they can put the cover on. The commission want the pool winterized soon, especially if it can be done independently of the Grandstand. If it cannot they may winterize everything and rent a port-a-john for the remainder of the soccer season.
- Tennis Clinic – (James Sawyer) – No report.
- Zumba – No report

Communications:

- No Communications.

Social Media

- No report.

Commission Calendar

- No report

Executive Session (If Necessary)

- No Executive Session.

Recap

- No Recap requested.

Commissioner and Director Comments

- No comments

Adjournment

- Craig Geller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 Absent: 2. Motion passed. Adjourn **8:25 PM**