

Agenda  
7/26/13

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 17, 2013**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:45 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 20:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:**

B. Jacques ( P ); D. Beck-Clemens ( P ). C. Zaikov ( A ); D. Mobus ( A );  
A. Baldassarre ( P ); C. Murphy ( P ); J. Pennett ( P ); S. Mersereau ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Beck-Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th, 2013 meeting, C. Murphy second the motion.

**DIRECTORS REPORT :** No Report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Yankee Stadium group rate information packet

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

Warren Township Rutgers Clinician Certification (Shared Service)	\$299.00
Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 5/14/13 – 6/13/13	\$75.00
Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 6/14/13 – 7/13/13	\$75.00

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Trip to Yankee Stadium;*

The commission discussed the option of planning a trip to Yankee Stadium. B. Jacques offered to contact the group sales coordinator for the stadium and get a group rate for “Super Discount Day” Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The commission discussed supplying an air-conditioned bus for transportation to and from the event. All were in favor.

## ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

### *Fishing Derby;*

The commission discussed the details of the fishing derby, deciding to include a rain date of Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. J. Pennett mentioned using a start time of 9:00 am and an air horn to sound at 10:30 am when all participants would stop fishing. J. Pennett also explained that the Optimist Club had on hand a measuring board, extra bobbers, line, nets and non-barbed hooks, as extras, in case they were needed. He added the commission should supply donuts and coffee at the event, possibly getting a donation from Dunkin Donuts. C. Murphy suggested supplying juice boxes and small bottled waters. J. Pennett explained that he would put together a list of trophies needed for the event. L. Monetti was asked to make up a flyer for the event, advertise in the Echoes Sentinel, the Patch, in the schools, send out a resident e-mail, add the event to the Borough's website and facebook page as well as make up the sandwich signs prior to the event.

### *Tennis Courts;*

D. Beck-Clemens announced that the tennis court reconstruction project should be starting very soon. L. Monetti reminded the commission that the Borough purchased tennis court nets and two benches with grant money and are being stored in the shed.

## ***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE***

Recreation Basketball	Special Projects	Tennis
Summer Playground	Little League	Women's
Softball	Ponytail	Twirling
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Soccer
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	Wrestling
Field Hockey	In Line Skating	Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Jr. Football	

### *Summer Recreation Program;*

The commission discussed the Summer Playground program and all were in agreement that it was not viable as the program was not beneficial to working parents. D. Beck-Clemens added that without a rain location and before and after care, working parents could not take advantage of this program. The commission agreed that since there are other programs now in place on our fields and the reciprocity agreement with Warren Township they felt the program would not be necessary.

### *Skate Rink;*

The commission discussed putting a skating rink in the area behind the Mobus pavilion. C. Murphy informed the commission that he measured the area behind the pavilion. He reported that the area along the left side of grassy area was measured at 126 feet and the far area by the lake was measured at 90 feet. A. Baldassarre discussed putting in a paved area with a drain using the area for street hockey and as a skating rink in the winter months. C. Murphy suggested adding lights to the area for evening use.

**REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE (Continued)**

*Park Issues;*

A. Baldassarre reported that the dugouts at Mobus Field were in need of a concrete slab. He explained that the area puddles and needs constant up keep. He also mentioned that B. Burns is looking into a maintenance company to take care of the up keep for the playground area at Mobus, as room to store parts is an issue and it would take the liability off the Borough.

*Event;*

D. Beck-Clemens announced that the Borough's Historical Committee is holding a Civil War reenactment on October 5<sup>th</sup> on the Village Green for the opening of the Historical Museum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, D. Beck-Clemens second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted



By Linda Monetti  
Recreation Secretary