

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
December 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 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:

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

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of November 13, 2013 meeting were approved by D. Mobus, 2nd by B. Jacques.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 10/14/13 – 11/12/13	\$72.58
Garden State Highway Products, Inc. – Tennis Court No Skate Sign	\$30.00
Team Life, Inc. – AED Annual Service Contract	\$299.00
Somerville Recreation Dept. – RIB Entrance Fee 7/8 Grade Girls	\$50.00
Garden State Basketball League – 5 Teams @ \$135.00 ea.	\$675.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request for a donation for WHRHS 2014 Project Graduation.
Application for alternate commission member Mike Onuska

Trip Information;

1. Camelback Mountain
2. Blue Mountain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Commission discussed including Mike Onuska as an alternate commission member. C. Murphy recommended that the Commission invite him to the next Recreation meeting to see how he would benefit the commission and if he would be available during regular meeting dates and times. All were in favor.
2. Discussing the 2014 budget, L. Monetti went over the attached 2013/2014 budget request comparison. She mentioned the discrepancy within the basketball amounts and how all revenue from the program goes into the revolving account and all costs come out of the budgeted account. L. Monetti explained how she has made arrangements with B. Hance who will now keep all basketball transactions to one account for better records of the total amounts needed for the program. The \$4,000. request would cover any expenses not covered by revenue.
3. The Commission discussed running a ski trip to Camelback Mountain in Pa. asking a total of \$50.00 per person. An early booking, group lift ticket would be \$35.00 pp and the extra \$15.00 would be applied to the bus. The Commission agreed that at a rate of \$50.00 pp they should have no problem selling 50 tickets. They decided to run the trip on a Sunday, on one of the following dates, Feb. 9th or 23rd. C. Murphy suggested asking for group vouchers for rental equipment for those that would be interested in renting. D. Mobus agreed to get a price for the bus. C. Murphy and D. Mobus agreed to attend.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE

Recreation Basketball
Summer Playground
Softball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Field Hockey
Ice Hockey

Special Projects
Little League
Ponytail
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
In Line Skating
Jr. Football

Tennis
Women's
Twirling
Soccer
Wrestling
Volleyball

High School Intramural Basketball;

D. Mobus explained that Warren no longer needed Valley View School for the high school basketball program. He mentioned how their program is full and that there are enough students on a waiting list to make up four teams. As the Valley View School gym had already been reserved for the program D. Mobus has agreed to talk with J. Betty who runs the Warren program and work it out with him to host a program with the students from the waiting list at Valley View School during the times already reserved.

NEW BUSINESS:

As the Phillips Field lease agreement with the BOE and the Borough will expire Jan. 1st, 2014 the Commission discussed some of the issues that might arise if the agreement is not renewed. D. Beck-Clemens mentioned that she would do a cost analysis for the fields maintenance based on last year's costs to maintain the fields. She reported that there could possibly be a large expense in the near future if they would have to tie into the sewer line. B. Jacques added that maybe the Borough should re-negotiate the terms of the agreement to include sharing the expenses and maintenance costs. C. Zaikov was concerned that the fields may not be maintained as well as they are now if the Borough did not renew the lease. A. Baldassarre added that Little League maintained 85% of the of the fields and that the Borough did the rest, maintaining the parking lot, bridge, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, C. Murphy second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

Respectfully Submitted,

By Linda Monetti

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1. Watchung Rec has renewed the partnership with the National Center for Safety Initiatives to conduct background checks on all referees and coaches for the basketball program at a fee of \$25.00 per screening. The background checks will be done within 10 days of applying and will be automatically run for a second time, free of charge, after one year. This process will cover each coach and referee for a period of two years.
2. The maintenance contract for the defibrillator has been renewed for 2014 and is now being stored at Borough Hall for the winter months.
3. High School basketball intramurals being run by Warren Township available to Watchung residents is now full and is on a waiting list basis.
4. Mike Onuska who owns Sunburst Gymnastics called the Borough office again this week inquiring about a position on the Recreation Commission. He submitted a volunteer form in 2012 and again showed interest recently. For the past two years he has donated gift cards for the Harvest Festival contest prizes. His application is available for the commissions review.
5. John Williams from US Sports scheduled a meeting with Watchung and Warren for Thursday 12/12/13 at 10:00 am to discuss programs they would like to run for our residents on Mobus Field.
6. The budget requests for all recreation programs, trips, events and salary will be due by the end of this month. The approved total budget for 2013 was \$50,000 for salary and programs combined. The salary budget was approved for \$25,000 and \$25,000 was approved for all programs, supplies and events. I will request a total budget of \$43,000 for 2014, requesting \$7,000. for the salary portion and \$36,000 for the programs, events, trips, and supplies. For an itemized list of the budget request see attached.