

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:45 pm by D. Beck-Clemens, Council Liaison 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 (A); D. Beck-Clemens (P). C. Zaikov (A); D. Mobus (A); A.Baldassarre (P); C. Murphy (A); J. Pennett (P); S. Mersereau (A) M. Onuska (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2014 meeting, D. Beck-Clemens second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Ski Trip;

Camelback Mountain Adjustment to Total	\$24.00
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Recreation Basketball;

Referee Reimbursements:

Peter Savulich	\$211.00
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Lew Satulsky	\$360.00
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CORRESPONDENCE:

Basketball Backboards quote from Hoops Inc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mobus Field/Park;

The commission discussed the replacement of the Mobus playground equipment as a priority over the basketball court backboards since the JIF inspection of the playground. J. Pennett suggested applying for grant funds for the basketball courts at Mobus Field to offset some of the costs. D. Beck-Clemens reported that she would be contacting the Somerset County Parks Commissioner about any available grants. A. Baldassarre suggested it might benefit the Borough to use rubber matting for the surface of the playground instead of mulch as the mulch had been washed away and out of the area during past storms and ended up in the lake. He also mentioned that Tom Herits, the town's engineer, explained that using a rubber matting might require a paved surface underneath it for stability such as macadam.

Community Picnic;

L. Monetti reported that letters went out to local businesses and organizations offering an opportunity to attend the event. In the letter it stated that they could provide a service, activity or food, or sponsor one of the planned activities or food concessions that will be offered to bring awareness to their business or organization. She reported that at the time Weldon had made a donation of \$1000.00 to the Borough for the 2014 event.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the Capital budget and updated the item of importance to the playground at Mobus Park.

Field Inspections;

- Mobus
- Phillips
- Walking Path/Gazebos/Village Green
- Best Lake/Fitness Area

A. Baldassarre reported that Public Works performs field inspections at all the areas above and that it would not be necessary for the Recreation Commission to do so, as in the past.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Tennis

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
Volleyball

Basketball;

M. Onuska suggested paying a stipend to anyone that would run a league so that there will always be an adult present at every game. He also recommended that a coach should not make payments to the referees and that all referees payments should be made by the Borough. L. Monetti reported that this process is in progress as the auditors need records of all payments and if a referee has been paid more than \$599.00 they would require a 1099.

Borough Projects;

D. Beck-Clemens reported the details of all upcoming projects for Public Works in priority order. 1. The rock wall behind the Public Works building needs structural repairs. 2. The drainage issues at Mobus Field will be addressed as well as the replacement of the playground equipment. 3. Work will done at Allen Pond behind Deer Run. 4. Clean up at Camp Endeavor. 5. Repairs at the Fire Department. 6. Paint the Municipal building. 7. Soil testing at the Ness property.

Fishing Derby;

A Baldassare made a suggestion to use Best Lake for the next fishing derby as there is more parking in that area. L. Monetti mentioned that there were concerns last year to use Best Lake because of the amount of growth in the lake along the side that would be utilized for the event and that the fishing hooks might get caught up in the growth.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business J. Pennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, D. Beck-Clemens second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 7th, 2014 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
April 2, 2014

1. Camelback Mountain contacted the Borough to inform us of a discrepancy in the payment made during our trip to their facility on February 9th stating that an error had been made in the final total. They informed the Borough that we owed an additional \$24.00. The adjustment was made with a purchase order produced on March 19, 2014. The total cost of the trip to the Borough now comes to \$89.00.
2. The Thorguard Lighting System Company has been contacted for the yearly inspection at Phillip's Field. The system will be cleaned, the battery will be put in place and the unit will be turned on in time for Little Leagues Opening Day which is scheduled for April 5th.
3. Opening Day will continue as scheduled although a Field Agreement is not in place with the Board of Education and Watchung Borough. The final details of the agreement are being worked out at this time. All the paperwork for the Field Use Agreement is in place at Borough Hall for Little League, including the Certificate of Insurance and the Hold Harmless Agreement.
4. Public Works will be turning on the water at Mobus and Phillip's fields on April 1st as well opening the Tennis Courts at that time.
5. The ticket purchase for the Yankees vs. Mets game on May 12th is in the process. The bus has been reserved with a deposit and the tickets will be offered to the town sometime before the end of the week as a paypal account needs to be set up through finance. Tickets will be offered for through the schools, on our website and facebook at \$65.00 pp which will include the bus transport to and from the game. The bus will leave around 4:00 pm from the Police parking lot and return to the PD after the game. One ticket will go to the bus driver with a \$50.00 tip. If the 49 remaining tickets are sold there will be a total of \$29.00 left over to purchase waters and snacks for the ride. Bill Jacques offered to handle the trip on the day of the event, making sure all purchased tickets are distributed and all participants are on the bus before and after the game. B. Jacques will receive the four complimentary tickets that the Borough will receive for running the trip which would be valid for use at a future game only.

6. Approximately 100 letter were sent out on March 25th to businesses in town asking for sponsors to our Community Picnic. The letters provided sponsorship opportunities for businesses as well as an opportunity to supply coupons, flyers, menus, brochures, balloons or anything with their business logo or they could set up a table at the event with handouts or donations. Only donations will be accepted as no sales will be permitted at the event as it will continue to be a free event for our residents. So far Weldon Quarry has made a donation of \$1000.00 for this event.