

**RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 4, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:38 pm by C. Zaikov, Vice 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 ( A ); C. Zaikov ( P ); D. Mobus ( P );  
C. Murphy ( P ); J. Pennett ( A ); M. Onuska ( P ) S. Mersereau ( A ) M. Weber ( P )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** C. Zaikov made a motion to approve the October 7th, 2015 minutes. D. Mobus second the motion. All were in favor.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Attached

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Meeting and Event Dates for 2016  
Capital Budget – For Review  
Operating Budget

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

*Harvest Festival;*

Linda Monetti – BJ's Food & Refreshments etc.	\$653.68
Bardy Farms – Corn Stalks, Mums and Gourds	\$130.18
Thor Guard, Inc. – Warranty for Computer Console	\$250.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the details of the Harvest Festival, the commission's involvement and volunteers at the event. D. Mobus expressed his concerns about the attendance of out of town residence at the event and mentioned using wrist bands and a sign-in process to control the crowds. C. Murphy mentioned incorporating the costume parade again that was part of the event in the past. The discussion was tabled as no decisions were made to incorporate these in future events. See details of event in Coordinator's report.

## ***NEW BUSINESS:***

### **Announcements:**

D. Mobus has been assigned to Council Liaison after the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election as he is now a Council member.

S. Mersereau has resigned as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as alternate member.

M. Weber will move up to a Commission member from alternate member.

L. Monetti reported that Eric Korb the webmaster for watchunghoop.com was able to secure a sponsor for the website and a \$200.00 donation from Argent Contracting.

The Commission discussed the Capital Budget and Operating Budget. L. Monetti reported that only minor changes will be made to the Operating Budget. The Commission discussed adding lights to the tennis courts and basketball courts at Mobus, to the Capital Budget in order to extend the playing time in the fall and spring.

M. Weber mentioned she forwarded information to L. Monetti about a light that controls the goose population. She reported that the product costs \$350.00 for each light and was mentioned at the last Traffic and Beautification meeting by P. Juette. L. Monetti mentioned she would look into the product reviews but had heard of this product and that it does not have lasting effects.

## ***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:***

Recreation Basketball  
Boys Traveling Basketball  
Somerset County Activities  
Volleyball

Special Events  
Girls Traveling Basketball  
Adult Basketball  
Tennis

### ***High School Basketball:***

D. Mobus mentioned running the high school basketball program. L. Monetti stated that she would check the availability of Valley View School from January 15<sup>th</sup> thru March to run the program.

*Tennis:* See Coordinator's report

### ***Special Events:***

The Commission discussed running the Easter Egg Hunt again in 2016. L. Monetti mentioned changing the location to Phillip's Field in order to avoid the geese droppings. Also discussed was contacting the Lion's Club again to see if they would like to contribute to the event.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business C. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm. C. Zaikov second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 6th, 2016, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Linda Monetti*

Recreation Secretary/Coordinator

**WATCHUNG RECREATION**  
**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**November 4, 2015**

1. The *Harvest Festival* was a big success as it was very well attended. Thanks to all the help of the Commission, Deb and Sara Beth Joren, Al and Fran Ellis, Michelle Weber and the Blue Ridge Sportsmen among others including and not limited to the DPW, the event ran very smooth with the amount of people that came out which was estimated to be over 750 people. Seashore Amusements was able to supply the DJ this year as Rock Bottom Sound, who we had been using for several years, was not available. They also supplied the amusements along with popcorn and cotton candy machines. Ralph Diem supplied and operated the hay ride, Swift Farms supplied the pumpkins and hay bales and helped the DPW set up the hay stacks. The girl scouts ran the sand art table again and Buffalo Wild Wings donated corn dogs and wings which was a big hit and offered to supply the same at our picnic in the spring. Great Clips hired a face painter and gave out candy. Blue Ridge Sportsmen made Funnel Cakes and the library supplied the paint and ran the pumpkin painting table. Broadway dance entertained the crowd with a flash mob "Thriller" dance along with several other dances to entertain the crowd. The music was coordinated with the DJ. A magician/balloon artist was hired who wander around the field entertaining the crowd with his comical magic and he brought a rabbit for all the children to play with during the event. The costume and pumpkin painting contests went well and the kids especially enjoyed the mummy wrap contest as the cleanup became a game with the DJ and his music. By 5:00 pm we were out of hot dogs but they lasted until the final 15 minutes of the event. As I was able to secure over \$3000.00 and many other donations for the event the Borough was able to accommodate many more people for the same cost or less.
2. *Field Use fees* collected to date now amount to \$1360.00. Fees have not yet been collected for the last tennis program.
3. *Tennis Program*; the last program is now in session but is not as well attended as the last program with only 9 students enrolled. Our tennis coach tried to start a toddler program but no registrations were received. She will try again to incorporate a toddler, Mommy and Me program again in the spring.
4. *Basketball* registration is in progress online at [www.watchunghoops.com](http://www.watchunghoops.com). Many students have submitted registrations.
5. The new *Basketball System* is now in place. The system looks really nice at the field and children have been seen playing and practicing there on a daily basis. Now that the system has been installed we will look into getting the macadam courts patched and painted in the spring.
6. The *drainage at Mobus* will be handled through Building and Ground and should be done sometime in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Linda Monetti*

Recreation Coordinator