

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
January 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 pm by D. Beck-Clemens, liaison to 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 (P); D. Mobus (A); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P) S. Mersereau (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: D. Beck-Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting, M. Onuska second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

2015 Meeting Schedule
2015 Program Liaisons
Revised Capital Budget

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Volleyball

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
Tennis

C. Murphy stated that there is over 200 Watchung students involved in the basketball program this year from 2nd grade to 8th boys and girls. He mentioned that the registration fees were raised this year to cover more of the costs of the program. He reported that the recreation program will start Saturday, January 10th. D. Beck-Clemens suggested getting more publicity for the program by submitting pictures and articles to the local paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission invited MaryAnn Weber to sit in on the meeting to discuss the available alternate member position. L. Monetti explained the responsibilities of the position and M. Weber was willing to take on the position. D. Beck-Clemens made a motion to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to appoint M. Weber as an alternate member, J. Pennett second the motion. All were in favor.

The Commission discussed the Capital Budget which includes replacing the roof and cement floor of the pavilion at Mobus as well as the basketball court, poles and backboard. L. Monetti mentioned the issues with the toilet in the pavilion and possibly replacing the existing one with a commercial grade toilet after making sure the plumbing can handle the extra pressure. Also included would be to replace the French drain along the ball field fence to help resolve the drainage issues on the field and grassy area around the playground. As part of the Capital budget for Phillip's Field included was to replace the decking around the Snack Shack and repairs to the dugouts at Barrett Field as well as adding a walking or bike path around the perimeter of the entire area at Philip's Field. Also mentioned and added as a suggestion for Camp Endeavor was to add a bike path or hiking trails throughout the 9 acres of land in that area.

The Commission also discussed the 2015 operating budget. C. Murphy suggested adding funds to the budget to help support the Little League. He suggested discussing this further at the next meeting. C. Zaikov mentioned some of the financial issues Little League was facing at Phillip's Field. He explained the batting cages were in disrepair and will need replacing as well as the deteriorating decking around the snack shack. He also mentioned that there is a leak in one of the pipes of the septic system that will need to be addressed before the season starts.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

BSN Sports – Volley Balls and BB ball caddy	\$339.84
Dee Lighting Systems – Maintenance & Installation Horn System	\$500.00
Efinger Sporting Goods – Travel Basketball Supplies	\$430.95
Temporary Restroom – 10/14/14 - 11/13/14 – Phillip's Field	\$ 75.00
Temporary Restroom – 11/14/14 - 11/20/14 – Phillip's Field	\$ 17.50
Wayne Boylan Contracting – Grading, Stone & Backfill Playground Prep.	\$1,750.00
Brent Material Company – Drainage pipe & couplings	\$1,233.12

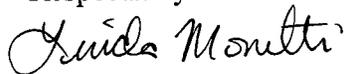
NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Commission discussed the yearly programs, events, trip options and ideas. The Community Picnic date was set for May 16th from noon to 3:00 pm. The Fishing Derby date was set for September 12th from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. The Harvest Festival was scheduled for October 24th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. C. Murphy mentioned that the past two trips that were offered to our residents were unsuccessful and he suggested that the commission concentrate on in town events instead. J. Pennett suggested having a movie night in the park. John suggested having an event sometime in June. The commission was in favor of incorporating a movie night, offering it on a Friday evening sometime in the month of June. L. Monetti offered to find out the cost of renting a screen and movie and bringing the costs to the next meeting. M. Onuska suggested offering a trip late in the year before Christmas, D. Beck-Clemens was in favor of offering a trip at that time such as the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.
2. The Commission discussed the assignments of the program chair people. Program liaisons for 2015 are as follows; Recreation and Travel Basketball – C. Murphy and C. Zaikov, High School Basketball – D. Mobus, Adult Basketball – J. Pennett, Volleyball, SSC Activities and the Tennis Program liaison will be L. Monetti. Also discussed were reassignments of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the commission determined that the assignments should stay the same. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business C. Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, D. Beck-Clemens second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,



Linda Monetti

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

January 7, 2015

1. High School BB Intramurals will start tonight, January 7th, 2015 at Valley View School. Registrations were handled through the watchunghoops.com website for both travel and recreation ball. High School Intramural registrations will be handled through the office.
2. Mobus and Phillips fields are now closed until the spring. The Porta John has been removed, the water has been shut off for the restrooms and the AED defibrillator has been moved to Borough Hall for the winter.
3. Watchung collected a total of \$1,445.00 for all field use fees for 2014. A total of \$395.00 of that amount was collected by having an agreement with Warren Recreation. The agreement was that Watchung would submit all field use requests to Warren according to the needs of US Sports. Watchung would then collect a total of \$10. pp for each program registration that was run in Warren and split that amount with Warren Township Recreation as the field use fee. US Sports insured all programs and submitted all documents needed for the field use in both towns including the hold harmless agreements and corporate acknowledgment. The benefits to this agreement was that Watchung and Warren were able to offer more programs to our residents and that Watchung was able to profit from programs run in both towns.
4. Watchung received its annual donation of \$1,000.00 from Weldon to use for our Community picnic event.
5. Watchung Recreation will be offering a tennis program this spring. Registrations will start sometime towards the end of January. The program will offer lessons to adults and children ages 4 to 14 years of age. Watchung will collect \$10.00 per registration and will be run by Joli Tormey a lifelong resident of Watchung and certified tennis instructor for the past 25 years. Lessons will be held for a 6 week period and will cost \$135.00 pp for six one hour sessions. Insurance will be supplied by the Borough and all materials needed to run the program will be supplied by J. Tormey. The cost for insurance for the fall program was \$13.00 for 22 registrations. The Borough received \$220. for those registrations.
6. Several requests have been made for field use for the spring including US Sports and Watchung Hill Soccer Association who requested Blackadar Field. Watchung is submitting requests to Warren again for programs run by US Sports.