

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 9, 2016

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); C. Zaikov (A); D. Mobus (P); C. Murphy (P);
J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (A) M. Weber (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting were approved by D. Mobus, 2nd by M. Weber. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oaths of Office for C. Murphy
Yankee Stadium seating chart with prices
Letter to businesses/organizations for donations

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball	Special Events
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball
Volleyball	Tennis

D. Mobus suggested getting the DPW to cut the grass the day before the Community Picnic and maybe power wash or use the high powered blower to eliminate some of the geese droppings prior to the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed running a Yankee Game trip on Friday, June 24th playing the Minnesota Twins. Game tickets are priced at \$50.00 pp. The Commission discussed their preference of several sections in the stadium. They also discussed supplying refreshments for the bus ride. C. Murphy suggested asking a local deli for a donation toward sub sandwiches. D. Mobus suggested offering waters and soda. C. Murphy made a motion to sell tickets to at a cost of \$65.00 pp, D. Mobus second the motion. All were in favor.

After some one day programs had been scheduled during school recess, the Commission discussed changing the Field Use Resolution to reflect a one day program fee. Once the Commission determined that the involvement of the Borough staff with the collection of the registrations, fees, reimbursement of funds to the organization and calculations as well as keeping these records it was decided that the same efforts are required for a one day program as for a one week program and so the Commission made a decision not to change the Resolution fee schedule.

The Commission discussed the details of the Easter Egg Hunt. L. Monetti explained that she purchased prizes and gift cards for games. She mentioned that the Lion's Club donated \$500. for the event and that she did not get a DJ for the event like last year. The Commission discussed including a DJ and having him run games as with a large crowd we would need a microphone system in order for everyone to hear any announcements. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the possibility of combining the Movie Night event with the PTO Ice Cream Social. L. Monetti mentioned that the PTO and the Youth Services Commission use to hold the Ice Cream Social and a Movie Night event together in the past. As funds are limited for the Youth Service Commission and they can no longer run the Movie Night event and since the Recreation Commission would like to run the event again this year, the PTO was contacted to see if they would like to run the event together. L. Monetti mentioned the Rec Commission would supply the movie, license, projection and screen and the PTO will supply the refreshments. All were in favor if this idea if accepted by the PTO. The president of the PTO mentioned that she will bring up the idea at their next meeting.

The Commission discussed the issue with the geese at Mobus Field and the idea of putting up a fence around the playground and basketball courts to discourage the geese from entering those areas.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

O2 Sports –	Travel Basketball Uniforms	\$2636.00
	Recreation Basketball Uniforms	\$1820.00
L. Monetti –	AliExpress – Easter Bunny Mascot Costume	\$115.70

ADJOURNMENT

B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm, D. Mobus second the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By

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Field Use Applications; The Borough has received an application from the Watchung Hills Soccer Association to run programs in the spring on Blackadar Field. Also submitted were applications from US Sports for several programs starting in the spring as well as a few summer camp programs all run at Mobus Field. No tennis programs have been set to date.

Lions Club Donation for 2016; Two representatives from the Lions Club, Pat Fittapaldi and Peter Smeretsky presented a check to the Watchung Recreation Commission for \$500.00 to help offset some of the costs of the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 19th. The Lions Club is looking to recruit members and offered to help distribute the eggs at the event and would like to have a table at the event to draw attention to their organization.

Mr. B's Sports Camps; Mr. B ran another successful camp on January 18th Martin Luther King Day when school was not in session. He had 31 registrations for the one day camp and at \$15.00 pp the Borough profited \$465.00 from his efforts. As this idea, to run a camp during a school holiday has been very well attended he plans to run another program on February 12th which is Presidents weekend. He had mentioned that as long as he is available he will continue to run these programs.

Yearly Event Up-Dates for Watchung;

Easter Egg Hunt – March 19th Phillip's Field (Rain Date March 20th)
Community Picnic – May 21st (Rain Date May 22nd) Noon – 3:00 pm
Fishing Derby – September 17th (Rain Date September 18th) 9 am – Noon
Harvest Festival – October 29th (Rain Date October 30th) 2:00 pm – 5 pm
Movie Night – To be determined

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