

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:45 pm by C. Zaikvo, 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); J. Pennett (A);
M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); D. Devine (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Onuska made a motion to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes, M. Weber 2nd the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Community Picnic donation list
Summer Camp Information and Registrations

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

C. Zaikov reported that Little League had an enrollment of about 125 to 150 participants and that the program should be done within the next two weeks. He mentioned there were many rain outs this season and that there was not a lot of participation in the 7th and 8th grades so they partnered with Warren to fill those teams. C. Zaikov also stated that Little League raised funds by offering business advertisements on their website as well as offering team sponsorships. Additionally there is a league fee bond that can be eliminated if parents work at the snack shack during the baseball season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the Community Picnic event. L. Monetti mention that extra hot dogs were purchased so that they did not run out and that any leftovers would be stored in her freezer and used for the Harvest Festival event. Also reported was as the event had to be postponed to Memorial Day weekend a few vendors were no longer available due to staffing issues. Also mentioned, as the temperatures were over 90 degrees, she changed the obstacle course amusement to a water slide which was greatly appreciated by all the parents and children.

D. Mobus mentioned that the Yankee Game trip scheduled for June 24th is a bobble head give-a-way night and that these would be a collector's items. L. Monetti mentioned that there were still tickets available so she will offer the tickets to Warren, Green Brook and Long Hill before the end of the week and put the sandwich sign out on the circle. She also mentioned that only half the tickets had been sold to date. It was determined that the low ticket sales are most likely due to fact that the game falls during the week of the high school's graduation and many families might be invited to graduation celebrations that evening.

L. Monetti reported that the Minds in Motion summer programs were now in place and that the information is on the website and has been sent out through the schools. These programs will be offered during the two weeks that no other summer programs are being offered in town. There is now a summer program available for each week of the summer in Watchung.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the alternate member position available. Otto Hartman the manager of Twin Brooks Country Club sent in his volunteer application and is interested in becoming a member as he has 35 years' experience in the private club industry. The Commission will invite Mr. Hartman to the next meeting for an informal interview which is scheduled for September 7th, 2016.

L. Monetti mentioned that a Bond Ordinance will be introduced at the June 2nd Mayor and Council meeting to include the drainage work at Mobus Field as well as funds to replace the cement floor in the pavilion and funds to repair the basketball court and repaint the court lines. Also mentioned was the possible inclusion of Phillip's Field decking around the snack shack.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Community Picnic;

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| Somerset Syrup & Concession, Inc. – Cheese for Nachos | \$34.30 |
| Costco – Perishable food items | \$856.42 |
| L. Monetti – Signs, Sternos, Sauer Kraut, Misc. | \$73.95 |
| Water & Wine – Gift Card for C. Murphy - yrs. of service | \$100.00 |
| Hicks Septic – Temporary Restroom | \$65.00 |
| D & M Trophies & Medals for Travel Basketball | \$1,296.00 |

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business C. Zaikov called to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm
M. Onuska second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday,
September 7th, 2016 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

June 1st, 2016

Yankee Trip; The Borough still has tickets available on our website for the June 24th, Yankees vs. Minnesota Twins game. Details are posted on the website and were sent through the schools as well as put on our facebook page and sent out as a resident email. A sign will be posted on the circle before the end of the week. Tickets will be offered to Warren Township and surrounding town after the sign goes out.

Community Picnic; Due to the threat of severe weather and rain for the entire weekend of the scheduled picnic the event was changed to May 28th, Memorial Day weekend. Many of the vendors had not anticipated the change of dates and because these vendors had prior plans for the holiday weekend some were no longer available like Texas Roadhouse, Roma Salon, US Sports, Home Depot, Costco and Brook Hill. The picnic was well attended and since the temperature was expected to be around 90 degrees a water slide was ordered in exchange for an obstacle course which was very well received by the residents. The DJ host brought lots of prizes for the children and handled the rest of the prizes as well like the Toys R Us gift cards donated by Sunburst Gymnastics, M. Onuska. Home Depot was not able to attend but donated a grill to give away and Costco donated 10 cases of waters but they were not able to secure the Magician for the event as they had hoped. Rolf's served chili and since it was such a hot day we offered the chili by the hot dogs to use as a condiment which worked out very well. Meeker Sharkey was available to serve the pizza which was delivered in 3 groups of 15 pies, one group per hour of the event and each time the pies were gone before the hour was over. It was estimated that about 350 to 400 people attended the event and about 550 hot dogs were served. Many volunteers and most of the Commission was available so the event ran smoothly and we had plenty of food and refreshment for all. Left overs were either donated or will be saved for the next few events.

Summer Programs; Youth Services and Watchung Recreation had discussed offering a week long summer program this year with the leftover funds from the Youth Service Annual Grant. The Youth Service Commission met Tuesday, May 31st and discussed the process to utilize these funds with the county representative. C. Britt mentioned that the full amount of the grant might not be approved to use for a summer program scholarship as the Commission had hoped.

Summer Programs; (Continued)

She reported that the use of these funds would need to be approved before they can be used for anything other than what was originally permitted.

The Minds in Motion program has been scheduled for the two weeks in the summer that no other programs were being run in Watchung. The program needs to have 8 students in place before it can be run according to the Minds in Motion program director. These programs were put in place so that there would be a program available to our students each week of the summer.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator