

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35pm by Craig Zaikov, Vice Chairperson 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); C. Taylor (P); M. Candiloros (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the September 6th, 2017 meeting were approved by C. Taylor, seconded by M. Weber. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oath of Office; Marianne Candiloros
Harvest Festival Flyer

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed running another "Kids Night Out" program as run in the past. M. Candiloros recommended running a monthly program so that children and families could plan ahead to take advantage of the opportunity. L. Monetti mentioned she would look into the cost of a bus and made suggestions for trips like to the roller rink, Sky Zone a trampoline park, Diamond Gymnastic for the climbing wall, Air Soft a Nurfball game zone and Vertiquest a Ninja Warrior style course in Bridgewater. M. Weber suggested paying a chaperone for the programs and offered to help out if she was available. She mentioned two chaperones might be necessary depending on the amount of students participating.

M. Onuska mentioned he would look into purchasing tickets for the Devil's vs. Ranger's game on Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. D. Mobus offered to contact DeCamp Bus Company. L. Monetti mentioned that the Borough has a \$200.00 credit from last season which can be used towards the tickets. She mentioned we could offer the tickets for less to encourage participation. The commission discussed offering the tickets for \$75.00 each and scheduling pick up at the PD at 5:30pm. D. Mobus made a motion to offer the trip mentioned for \$75.00 pp and purchase tickets for the Dec. 21st game. C. Taylor 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

D. Mobus mentioned that the Borough is looking into mitigating the geese issue by adding fencing around the lake, approximate 12” high, so the geese would not have easy access to enter and exit the lake onto the greens, especially during mating season.

L. Monetti suggested purchasing a message board for posting program events to display at the Mobus Park entrance. She mentioned that when tennis programs are being offered residents would then be informed of the programs and also upcoming events. All were in favor of purchasing a message board for this purpose.

L. Monetti mentioned there are wind nets in the rec shed that have not been used and purchased with the county grant funds awarded to the Borough several years ago. The Commission agreed to have the DPW put up the nets in the spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Summer Camp 2018; Supplies, Activities, Trips, Rain Location. As there were issues with the ground water, the commission discussed other options to cover the floor but decided the plastic and tarps with area rugs worked out and was more cost effective then purchasing connecting rubber mats.

The Commission discussed the details of the Fishing Derby event. C. Taylor mentioned that the lily pads were an issue at the event causing the resident to only have access to the lake along the wall near Water and Wine. She mentioned that there should be available funds in the budget for the lily pads to be removed. D. Mobus mentioned that the lake is in need of being dredged.

The Commission discussed the details of the Movie Night Event. C. Taylor reported that the movie was started 15 minutes earlier than planned as it was dark enough and residents had been waiting for the start since the end of the Ice Cream Social. She mentioned that it had started to rain for a short time but we were able to continue showing the movie.

The Harvest Festival event was discussed. L. Monetti mentioned that Water and Wine had offered to donate \$100.00 in gift cards for the event as give-a-ways. She suggested getting a \$25.00 gift certificate from Marino’s Pizza so that there would be a few gifts for adults. D. Mobus also mentioned that Water & Wine has offered to supply ice for the event.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

C. Zaikov reported that basketball will be starting soon. M. Weber mentioned there were boxes of basketball trophies in the Rec Shed that could be used if the name plates were changed.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Amazon – Tennis Court Net	\$189.98
D & M Trophies – Fishing Derby	\$160.00
Watchung Hoops Website Set Up	\$200.00
<i>Harvest Festival;</i>	
<i>Fun Services;</i> Game Host & DJ, Game Truck, Face Painter, Magician, Rock Wall w/Slide, Moonwalk, Pretzels w/Warmer, Cotton Candy Machine	\$4350.00

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 4, 2017, 7:30PM
at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/Secretary