

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 6, 2017
(November 1, 2017 Meeting Cancelled)

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 (P); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (A); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: C. Zaikov made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting, M. Onuska second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Devil's Game Flyer
Warren Township Events

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Harvest Festival. As the event was so well attended D. Mobus suggested setting up a sign-in table and giving out wrist bands to discourage people from other towns from attending. L. Monetti mentioned that as this is open to other towns it is a great opportunity for the involvement and donations from area businesses to attend as it gives them great exposure to residents of the area not just Watchung residents.

The Commission discussed dates and locations for "Kids Night Out" program. L. Monetti suggested offering the program monthly on a specific Friday starting in February or March. C. Zaikov mentioned that the basketball program ends in March and Little League starts in April so there may be some students that would not be available on a Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:

L. Monetti reported that the plans for the deck at Phillip's are now complete and ready to submit to contractors for their proposals. She explained that as long as the project is under the bid threshold of \$40,000, a bid can be accepted from a local contractor and if the project would cost more than \$40,000, then the project would have to be advertised.

L. Monetti mentioned that a new message board was purchased and that DPW will put it up at the Mobus Field entrance to the park in the spring. The board will allow the Borough to post all events and programs to help notify the residents of what is being offered and when.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

C. Zaikov reported that the basketball program has now started. He mentioned that there are 6 travel teams and that 3 girls made the Warren team. He mentioned the program will run thru March 10th.

J. Pennett reported that the Men's Basketball programing has between 8 and 12 men involved in the program weekly. He mentioned the sign in sheet is helping to keep the program available to Watchung and Warren residents only.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Harvest Festival;

Swift Farms – Hay, Pumpkins, Mums, Gourds, Cornstalks	\$1233.75
L. Monetti – Misc. items for Movie Night, Fishing Derby & Harvest Fest. (Balloons, Munchkins, Coffee, Waters, Prizes, Décor, etc.)	\$455.80
L. Monetti – Misc. items for Harvest Festival (Gift Card, Hot Choc., etc.)	\$362.85
Amazon – Sand Art Supplies	\$230.15
Build-A-Sign – Handicap, Vendor and Volunteer Parking Signs	\$77.29
Marino's Pizza – 15 pies @ \$9.00 ea.	\$135.00

Basketball;

C. Zaikov – Supplies for Rec & Travel Basketball	\$928.89
The Brooklyn Press – Basketball Jersey's & Shorts	\$2852.50
League Athletics – watchunghoops.com website hosting fee	\$450.00
Jersey Basketball Assoc. – Travel Basketball registration 6 teams	\$870.00
Amazon – (2) Sandwich Signs	\$309.86
Amazon – 3 Drawer File Cabinet	\$82.97
ARF Rental Service – Temporary Restroom	\$47.88
Park Warehouse – Message Board for Mobus Field	\$612.76
Amazon – (3) 8 ft. folding event tables	\$197.07

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques called to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm, J. Pennett seconded the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 3, 2017, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Harvest Festival;

It was a beautiful day for an event and since it was expected to rain heavy the following day, many residents came out to enjoy the festivities. It was estimated that we had approximately 750 – 1000 people attend the event. Thankfully we had a lot of support from the community. The Stop & Shop manager was able to get us a \$500.00 donation as well as cook the hot dogs at the event along with the help of his co-worker, Carolyn Taylor and Steve Monetti. The Boars Head representative brought strawberries and chocolate dip for dessert. Med Express volunteered to work the cotton candy machine, Maryann Weber worked the popcorn machine and Blue Ridge Sportsmen cooked and served fried Oreos as well as keeping the beverage bins supplied. Volunteers Phil and Marianne Chapel served the hot pretzels and pizza. The girl scouts handled the sand art table and the boy scouts built the expansion bridge for the children to climb. We had the PD at the event again serving apple cider, CKO Kick Boxing had a demo table and weight bags for the families to try and brought a gift basket to give away. Great Clips supplied the event with two corn hole games with prizes and Sue Tucker provided a gift give-away and candy. Ralph Diem supplied the event with tractor rides, Fun Services provided the DJ and game host, face painter, balloon artist, candy game truck, a climb and slide inflatable and a bounce house. We also tried something new this year bringing in Accurate Archery who supplied the event with kick darts and hover archery which was intended to draw in the teens as that was a suggestion in our survey conducted on our website in 2016. I did notice more teens at the event than in the past and they seemed to be enjoying themselves break dancing by the DJ. The library handled the pumpkin painting and Swift Farm supplied the pumpkins, the hay, mums, corn stalks and gourds. After noticing the amount of people and that we were running low on hot dogs and beverages, 15 pizzas were ordered from Marino's, Joe Nappe from Blue Ridge Sportsmen picked up more hot dogs from Costco and Lori Monetti went home to bring back a couple of extra cases of water she had in her garage. Everything we had on hand, except the cotton candy was consumed by 4:00pm. With all the toy prizes, gift certificates and gift cards donated we had involvement in all the contests. Set up and clean up went well with the help of C. Taylor, K. Pennett, M. Weber, M. Candiloros, M. Onuska, Blue Ridge Sportsmen and the DPW. Pictures were posted on the Watchung

Harvest Festival; (Continued)

Neighborhood Network by Hannah Kerwin from the library who took some beautiful pictures of the event. See the attached for the details of all supplies, cost and donations.

Tent Floor for Summer Camp; After looking into several options for temporary flooring to help elevate the drainage issues, inside the tent during camp, the lowest cost found was over \$2000.00. M. Candiloros mentioned that she would discuss the drainage issues with the board of Brook Hill Swim Club and will asked if they would consider having the DPW level the area and add a French drain around the perimeter of the tent instead of purchasing special flooring to raise the tent floor.

Devil's / Ranger's Game; M. Onuska was able to secure 23 tickets for \$80.00 pp in section 225 row 4 seats 5-9, row 5 seats 1-5 and row 6 seats 1-9. Tickets were offered for \$75.00 pp as voted by the commission during the October meeting. Since the Borough had a \$200.00 credit from last year after a cancelled trip the credit was passed onto the residents in order to encourage ticket sales. D. Mobus was able to secure the bus with De Camp for \$725.00. The bus will pick up and drop off residents at the PD also residents will be allowed to park there. Tickets can be paid for on the Borough's online Pay Pal account. To date we have 12 tickets sold and another 16 reserved or a total of 28.

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