

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

APRIL 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 pm by D. Mobus, Council Liaison 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 (A); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (A);

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes. M. Weber second the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kids Night Out – Program Flyers
Summer Camp Registration Forms
NY Yankees Season Ticket Schedule

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

L. Monetti reported that 11 children have enrolled in the Summer Camp so far and that the early enrollment date will be extended to April 30th to encourage the early registrations. The commission discussed the first week of camp as the school extended the year to June 27th which is into the first week of camp. All were in favor of cancelling the first week as Watchung students would be in school most of that week. L. Monetti reported that extending the program another week in August would not be an option as most of the camp staff will be going back to college. D. Mobus suggested having an open house on Friday, June 29th to encourage families to come to the Brook Hill Swim Club hoping more families will enroll in the program. He suggested the staff plan activities for the families to encourage them to join the club or sign up for the summer program. He also suggested offering hot dogs and refreshments during that time. All were in favor.

L. Monetti reported that the cutoff date for the “Kids Night Out” program will be extended to Thursday, April 12th. She mentioned that there were no registrations at this time.

The Commission discussed running a Yankee game trip on Sunday, August 12th. L. Monetti mentioned that she would check into which sections would be available and at what cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discuss the details of the Community Picnic. L. Monetti mentioned that she was not able to secure a donation from Stop & Shop this year but has received a total of \$2200. in donations for the event to date. More donations are expected.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

M. Weber announced the town clean-up day "Operation Pride" is on April 21st.
L. Monetti reported that Little League "Opening Day" was on April 14th.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Kids Night Out;

Fred Dealaman Bus Service – "Kid's Night Out" Program	\$310.00
Sky Zone – Springfield, NJ	\$364.50

Community Picnic;

Fun Services – Deposit for Amusements	\$1000.00
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Basketball;

James Williams	\$550.00
Rhea Williams	\$250.00
Jeralyn Lawrence	\$850.00

D & M Trophies – Basketball Trophies	\$878.00
Warren Township – Rutgers Safety Clinic	\$35.00
Township of Long Hill – Rutgers Safety Clinic	\$142.00
Project Graduation – Donation	\$500.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business D. Mobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07, M. Onuska second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator
Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
APRIL 4, 2018

Kids Night Out; No registrations have been received to date for the program scheduled for April 21st. The Commission will need to discuss a cutoff date for registrations so that, if necessary, the Dealaman Bus Company and the Sky Zone facility can be notified. The program location had been changed from the Sky Zone in South Plainfield to the Sky Zone in Springfield after it was requested, in hopes to encourage more Watchung students to attend.

Phillip's Field Decking; The borough and the BOE have approved the deck project at Phillip's Field. Unfortunately the weather has not been cooperative and so the job has been postponed until the end of the Little League season.

Summer Camp; Due to the extreme weather in the past few weeks the school year has been extended into the first week of the summer camp. As the camp staff may not be available, extending the camp may not be an option. The Borough Administration and Council will need to make a decision on how this will be handled.

Grant Information; The Commission has not yet been notified if the Borough will receive the grant funds from the Juvenile Justice Commission for the summer camp program. The grant approval notices should have been mailed out on March 30, 2018.

Little League Opening Day; On April 14th Parents and Players will assemble at Valley View School starting at 8:30am. The Parade will start at 9:00am with the Ceremony starting at 9:30am and then the games will run from 10:00am to around 2:00pm.

Community Picnic; After donation requests were sent out and the Commission has received \$2200. so far to help offset the costs. Meeker Sharkey offered to supply the pizza again this year and we received generous donations from Forest Lodge and Watchung Pediatrics. Bonefish Grill and Gaiser's Wholesale Foods have offered to bring food options which will help offset the costs. As we have had great support in the past from many area businesses, we anticipate more contributions to come in before the event.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator