

Agenda # 8/16/18

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:32 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 (P); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (A); C. Taylor (P); M. Candiloros (P); A. Murad (A);

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Candiloros made a motion to approve the May 2nd, 2018 minutes. M. Onuska second the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Summer Camp Registration Totals & Expenses to Date
Flyers; Yankee Game
 Movie Night/Ice Cream Social
 Fishing Derby

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The commission discussed choices for the Movie Night event. Choices mentioned were Incredibles 2, Star Wars and Hotel Transylvania. L. Monetti mentioned she will look into these movies to see what is available.

As all employees of the DPW are not available on the original date of Oct. 27th for the Harvest Festival event, M. Candiloros made a motion to change the date to October 13th, C. Taylor 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

L. Monetti reported that the Fishing Derby will be held on September 22nd from 9:30am – noon.

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NEW BUSINESS:

D. Mobus mentioned that the manager of Costco offered to make a donation to the Harvest Festival event.

C. Taylor suggested contacting L. McCloud from Valley View School for recommendations for 8th grade students that may be interested in volunteering at our Harvest Festival event. The commission hopes to add more residents to the email blast system so they will be notified of upcoming programs and events.

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 Watchung Giants Little League team made it to the Championships. Travel games end in July and that Saturday, June 9th is closing day.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Community Picnic;

Amazon – Popcorn, Table Cloth Clips	\$54.80
M. Weber – Costco – Beverages & Chips	\$318.10
L. Monetti – BJ’s – Cookie, Condiments, Sign, etc.	\$462.00
D. Mobus – Ice & Hot Dog Rolls	\$251.62
Marino’s Trattoria – 45 Pizza Pies (Donated by Meeker Sharkey)	\$405.00
L. Monetti – Game Prizes, Sternos, etc.	\$215.84
L. Monetti – Decorations	\$40.26

Yankee Game Trip;

NY Yankees vs. Texas Rangers 40 tickets @ \$63.00 ea. & S/H \$2530.00

Mobus Field & Brook Hill Swim Club;

Martoccia Landscape – (4) Natural Tick & Flea Treatments	\$980.00
ARF Temporary Restroom Rental	\$41.50

Phillip’s Field;

S. Monetti Builders – Deck Replacement \$39,618.99

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business D. Mobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, M. Onuska second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

June 6, 2018

Summer Camp; The Borough has received a total of 65 camp registrations to date with an average of 29 campers per week. Last year we had a total of 69 registrations with an average of 26 campers per week. The total amount collected for each year was approximately \$49,000 and with staff, trips, supplies, the Brook Hill reimbursement and the cost for rain days it is projected to be very close to the same amount of expenses as last year. A few of the counselors have scheduled vacations so extra staff will be put in place to accommodate the 6/1 ratio as advertised. Training will start on June 29th with all staff anticipated to participate. The camp will hold an open house event with festivities of games, food and refreshments hoping to attract more residents to register their children in the camp.

Community Picnic; The Borough had received a total of \$3175. in donations for the event along with the donation of Hot Dogs from Gaiser's Wholesale meats which was a big hit as many residents commented on how delicious they were. S. Black donated three large baskets of apples and oranges which all went by the end of the event as well as 6 beautiful flower basket arrangements from Grey's Florist. Other donations consisted of 2/ \$50. gift cards and ice from Water and Wine, several Amazon gift cards from Sunburst Gymnastics, sauerkraut and chili from Rolf's, Tuna sushi from Bone Fish Grill, coffee cake and raspberry tea from Cupa Café, hot pretzels from Buffalo Wild Wings, lemonade and sunglasses from the PBA, Italian Ice from Coldwell Banker and the pizza was donated and handed out by Meeker Sharkey. Fun Services supplied the event with a DJ and game host, a Water Gun trailer, several amusements, an airbrush artist and a stilt walker which was a fun addition to the event. Ralph Diem supplied the tractor rides, the Boy Scouts put up the expansion bridge and the library had some fun crafts set up for the children. Other vendors included Shop Rite and Watchung Pediatrics who brought some games and prizes to attract the residents to their tables. It was estimated that we had approximately 500 people attend the event as we went through about 500 hot dogs. About 38 out of 45 pizza pies were consumed as well as most of the waters and soda with only a couple of each left over at the end of the event. Although it was a very hot day it was a good turn out for a holiday weekend.

Lion's Club 100 Year Memorial; A memorial is now in place at the walkway where Stirling Road meets the circle. The large white stone with a plaque was placed on the Village Green several weeks ago to commemorate the 100 years the Lion's Club has been in service and to bring awareness to the club in hopes to encourage residents to join the volunteer organization.

Lightening Detection System; Several residents have been reporting that the alarm has been going off randomly in the past few weeks. The system has been reset and the DPW has been in contact with the maintenance company who mentioned we might need a new sensor which costs approximately \$850.00 or it may need a new computer which would cost about \$3500. A new unit would cost \$7500. Thor Guard has been contacted and will determine whether or not we should replace the sensor and computer. Another option would be to use hand held units which can cost \$67.00 for a Stike Alert pager. Other pagers are available and would be carried by a coach when on the property.

Movie Night / Ice Cream Social; The PTO has been contacted to determine a date for the event. The event has always been held the first Friday after school starts which would be September 7th. A movie choice needs to be decided by the Recreation Commission so that a permit can be obtained prior to the event.

Phillip's Deck Replacement Project; As the Little League season is over on the 9th of June it is anticipated that the deck replacement project will start sometime next week weather permitting.

Harvest Festival; The event has always been held on the last Saturday of October but this year staffing will be an issue for the DPW as one of the employees will be getting married that weekend and the entire department has been invited. As the wedding tradition for the couple has festivities on two separate weekends, Oct. 20th and Oct. 27th it will be hard to know what day staff would be available for the event. Since the Harvest Festival is geared toward Halloween it would be better to have the event prior to the Oct. 20th date than to wait and have it in early November. A date should be set during this meeting as advertising, amusements and delivery dates for specialty items like the hay bales needs to be reserved soon if special items are desired.

League Athletics Website; The watchunghoops.com website is hosted by League Athletics and run by Eric Korb. A paypal account has been in place to accept sign up and uniform payments for the Recreation Basketball program. League Athletics is now offering a more cost effective payment option through EasyMerchant which will lower the cost of the service by \$250. per year. The payment will be set up on the watchunghoops website and be ready to accept payments for the 2018/19 basketball season.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator