

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 3, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 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 (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (A); A. Murad (A);

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting, M. Onuska second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Harvest Festival Flyer
- Volleyball Flyer
- Men's Basketball Flyer
- Rec & Travel Basketball Flyer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

L. Monetti mentioned that the Fishing Derby was well attended again this year with over 100 people that came out for the day and 37 children were registered. During the event 2 Bass, 1 turtle, 2 Catfish, one 23" long eel and 63 Sunnies were caught. It was a beautiful day and with the support of the Blue Ridge Sportsmen and the Commission the event ran very well. Ron Johnston came to the event with the Fish and Wildlife truck. Mr. Johnston was able to donate 50 Catfish which were added to the lake during the derby. Blue Ridge Sportsmen donated many prizes. 16 trophies were distributed to 4 different age groups with 4 categories.

L. Monetti mentioned that she is waiting for shade trees recommendation from Galbraith Landscaping for the Mobus Field playground. D. Mobus mentioned that the Borough has a tree fund that could support the purchase of these trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the Harvest Festival event volunteers, activities, food options, grant, and vendors. (See attached Coordinators Report for details)

L. Monetti mentioned the Borough was able to use the credit for the Movie Night event from the Fun Services projection and sound invoice for the Harvest Festival. Also mentioned was that the Borough has one year to use the movie license obtained for the movie Moana and we would receive a 50% credit for another Movie if a different one is chosen. The Borough must use the license within one year from this years scheduled event. (Sept. 14th, 2018)

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

L. Monetti reported that the Basketball program is now using Easy Merchant for the payment process which will replace the Paypal system for payments. C. Zaikov mentioned that Basketball try outs will start soon and that the Facility Use forms needed to be in place in order to start the program. L. Monetti mentioned that the schools will be contacted to secure dates with both schools.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Summer Camp;

Dealaman Bus Service – Rain Day Service	\$2571.25
Brook Hill – Registration Reimbursement	\$7945.00
Sunburst Gymnastics – Rain Day Activity	\$410.00
Marino's – Pizza Day	\$297.00

Movie Night;

C. Zaikov – Waters	\$48.36
L. Monetti – Sign	\$128.45
Swank Motion Pictures – Movie License	\$395.00

Fishing Derby;

D & M Trophies	\$156.00
J. Nappe – Bait	\$52.97
L. Monetti – Sign	\$112.97
L. Monetti – Duncan Donuts, Juice & Bait	\$112.36

Harvest Festival;

L. Monetti - Cotton Candy Sugar	\$28.97
Amazon – Pumpkin Painting Supplies	\$83.46
Swift Farms – Hay, Pumpkins, Mums, Gourds	\$1231.25
Fun Services – Amusements & DJ	\$4350.00
L. Monetti – Misc. Prizes for event contests	\$44.80

ARF Rental Service – Temporary Restroom	\$47.88
DeBizness, LLC – Basketball Season Web Setup	\$200.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business M. Onuska called to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm, M. Weber second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

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WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

October 3rd, 2018

Mr. B's Sports Camps – Mr. B. ran several camps this summer including the fishing camp which was held at Watchung Lake and several multi-sports camps which were held at Valley View School. The field use fee of \$15. pp collected for the camps with 40 students registered was a total of \$600.00 for all programs combined. Last year Mr. B had 56 registered in his camps. He mentioned that some prior students may have enrolled in the Watchung Summer Camp as it is a full day option for the parents.

US Soccer Association – The field use fees collected for this program was \$150.00 which accommodated 10 children during the one week camp program held at Mobus field.

Movie Night/P.T.O. Ice Cream Social – Unfortunately due to the weather both programs were cancelled. As the Ice Cream Social did not include a rain date the event was not rescheduled. The movie license is valid for one year so we will be able to use the same license again next year. Fun Services will apply the amount of the sound and projection services to the Harvest Festival event.

Racquets and Relaxation; Due to the lack of interest the fall tennis program was cancelled. This program was well attended in the spring and will be offered again in the spring of 2019.

Tennis Courts; It has been brought to the Borough's attention that a moss or mold had developed on the tennis courts at Mobus. Residents complained that the substance was very slippery and that it was unsafe to play on the last two courts. Several attempts were made to remove the substance but it required a power washer so the work was scheduled to be done sometime today.

Recreation Programs;

The Men's Open Gym Basketball will start this Friday, Oct. 5th which will be held every Friday at Bayberry School. The Women's Volleyball program will start on Monday, Oct. 8th and will be held every Monday at Valley View School. Both programs will run until the first week of June 2019 and will be available from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Programs will only be run if school is open and cancelled if there is an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

Youth Travel and Recreation Basketball are now open for registration. Travel Basketball will start within the next few weeks. Recreation Basketball games will start December 1st. Registration will be online at www.watchunghoops.com

Harvest Festival;

The event is set for October 13th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The rain date is Oct. 14th. Volunteers and vendors are in place. The Boy Scouts are not available this year to set up the expansion bridge as they have other activities planned for that weekend. Costco Wholesalers offered to supply the event with waters and snacks and will hold a table at the event. Cupa Café showed interest in a table for the event but have not yet confirmed their availability. Gaiser's offered to supply the event with 30lbs. of Kielbasa which we will offer with sauerkraut and rolls. Marino's will supply the event with 45 pizza pies at \$9.00 per pie as they do for the Community Picnic. The Tea Company has also asked to have a table at the event and they will be serving hot tea. An online application was submitted to Stop and Shop to apply for a \$1000. grant which will help offset the cost of the food for the event. No approval has been received to date.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator