

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

November 7, 2018

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

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Weber made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting, M. Onuska 2nd the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (See Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Recreation Budget Sheet
Recreation Donation Account Budget Sheet
Harvest Festival Event Notes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

D. Mobus mentioned he spoke with Galbraith Landscapers about planting shade trees around the playground area for shade at Mobus Field. M. Galbraith stated that it would take many years for trees to grow large enough for there to be shade on the playground equipment. L. Monetti mentioned that trees could be planted to shade the park benches and areas that could be used for the picnic tables. The trees would give residents more options for shade, especially in the summer months, as there is only shade in the right hand corner of the park that is close enough to the playground so that parents can safely supervise their children from a shaded location. Also mentioned was that it would not only add more shade in the area but it would also look nice to have more trees around the playground area. All were in favor of planting some trees.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Report)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed running another “Kids Night Out” program in January of 2019 and running another Devil’s hockey game trip. M. Onuska offered to get pricing on the Devil’s game tickets. M. Onuska also suggested looking into the Verti Quest facility in Bound Brook for the “Kids Night Out”, A. Murad suggested the Gravity Vault in Chatham for the program. M. Weber mentioned that it may be better attended if the program were to be held in January when there aren’t many other options for students.

The Commission discussed options for the remaining funds in the budget which is only \$426.91. B. Jacques suggested using the funds to purchase some trees for Mobus. M. Onuska suggested using the funds for the down payment on the “Kids Night Out” program or reserving Devil’s tickets.

L. Monetti reported that the issues with the mold on the tennis courts have been resolved but during her inspection she noticed many cracks forming on the tennis courts and basketball court surfaces. She mentioned that she will contact the contractor that repaired the basketball courts to see if their work has a guarantee and what it would cost to make the repairs to the tennis courts.

The Commission went over the Capital Budget. L. Monetti mentioned that items listed under Phillip’s Field may have been taken care of by Little League and that adjustments will be made accordingly. L. Monetti reported that donation account now has a total of \$20,000.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

ARF Rental Service – Temporary Restroom	\$47.88
<i>Basketball;</i>	
<i>C. Zaikov – Misc. Equipment</i>	<i>\$780.15</i>

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, M. Weber second the motion, all were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary