

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 1, 2018
(Special Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Candiloros made a motion to approve the June 6, 2018 minutes. C. Zaikov second the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Summer Camp Expenses to Date
Yankee Tickets Sales & Expenses
Save The Dates;
 Movie Night/Ice Cream Social
 Fishing Derby
 Harvest Festival
Tree Recommendations for Mobus Playground Area
Tennis Program Flyer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

See Coordinators Report for the Following Program and Events Information;

Summer Camp
Yankee Game
Movie Night
Fishing Derby

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed planting shade trees by the Mobus Field playground as residents have been mentioning we need shade at the park since the equipment gets very hot in the summer months and the children are not able to use the slides if they are in the sun. Galbraith Landscape made a recommendation to the Traffic and Beautification Commission chair P. Juette to use Maple trees for the area. The Commission discussed where the trees should be planted where they would create the most shade for the playground. C. Taylor suggested using Willow Trees as they are usually planted near water. M. Candiloros made a motion to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to plant trees at the playground. C. Taylor second the motion, all were in favor.

M. Candiloros suggested that the Commission use the Movie night event as an opportunity to raise funds for a terminally ill student with Muscular Dystrophy that attends our school system. She mentioned that it would be a good opportunity to show the family of our community that we care about our residents and bring awareness to the family and their child. L. Monetti mentioned that since the P.T.O. was running the Ice Cream Social in conjunction with the Movie event and the organization is directly related to the schools that is may be more appropriate that they host the fund raiser and that Watchung Recreation could make a donation to support their efforts.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

<i>Summer Camp;</i>	
<i>Sky Zone – 7/6/18</i>	<i>\$764.00</i>
<i>Turtle Back Zoo – 7/13/18 Trip</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Aramark – Lunch at the Zoo</i>	<i>\$480.00</i>
<i>Adventure Aquarium – 7/20/18</i>	<i>\$1143.00</i>
<i>Fun Plex – 7/27/18</i>	<i>\$930.24</i>
<i>IPLAY America – 8/30/18</i>	<i>\$1051.09</i>
<i>L. Monetti – Supplies</i>	<i>\$231.68</i>
<i>D. Vaynerchuk – Refund for first week of camp (Cancelled)</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>
<i>W.B. Mason – Misc. Supplies</i>	<i>\$54.72</i>
<i>Amazon – Misc. Supplies</i>	<i>\$107.69</i>
<i>The Brooklyn Press – Camp Shirts</i>	<i>\$833.76</i>
<i>The Brooklyn Press – Camp Shirts</i>	<i>\$583.94</i>
<i>Oriental Trading Co. – Crafts</i>	<i>\$520.86</i>
<i>Discount School Supplies – Crafts</i>	<i>\$389.19</i>
<i>D. Sommerville – Bowling 7/6/18</i>	<i>\$112.50</i>
<i>Dealaman Bus Service – Camp Trip</i>	<i>\$2280.00</i>
<i>L. Monetti – Supplies & Ice for Open House</i>	<i>\$113.65</i>
<i>Urban Air – 8/10/18</i>	<i>\$827.68</i>
<i>The Circus Place – 8/17/19</i>	<i>\$648.00</i>
<i>Chuck E. Cheese – Rain Day Activity 7/25/18</i>	<i>\$527.56</i>
<i>Barker Bus – Rainy Day Movies 7/26/18</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>
<i>Amazon – Game Balls</i>	<i>\$89.03</i>

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL: (Continued)

ARF Temporary Restroom Rental – Mobus & Phillips 5/18	\$93.94
ARF Temporary Restroom Rental – 1 Unit 6/1/18 – 6/30/18	\$47.88
Hoops Inc. – Basketball Post Padding Mobus Courts	\$518.00
Fun Services – Movie Night Projection & Sound	\$775.00
Somerset County Park Commission – Therapeutic Recreation	\$1450.00

Yankee Game Trip;

DeCamp Bus Service For NY Yankees vs. Texas Rangers	\$925.00
ICON Parking @ Yankee Stadium	\$225.00

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Report)

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

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, J. Pennett second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator
Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
August 1, 2018

Scheduled Field and Facility Use;

Aug. 13th – 8/24 (2 weeks) 8am – noon – Mr. B's Fishing Camp @ Watchung Lake
Aug. 13th – 8/24 (2 weeks) 9am – 8pm – United Soccer Academy Camps @ Mobus
Aug. 28th & 29th – Math Camp in Mobus Pavilion
Sept. 2nd from noon – 7pm – Birthday Party at Mobus
Sept. 15th from 10am – 5pm – Tiger Schulmann's Company picnic @ Mobus
Sept. 23rd 2:00pm – 6pm – Gazebo rental for wedding (Village Green)
Nov. 3rd – 6am – 11am – Municipal Alliance Run (Walking Path & Mobus Pavilion Rental)

Upcoming Town and Recreation Events;

9/11 Memorial Ceremony – Sept. 11th starts at 5:30pm on the Village Green
Movie Night / Ice Cream Social – Sept. 14th from 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Fishing Derby – Sept. 22nd starts at 9:30am – Noon
Harvest Festival – Oct. 13th from 1:00 – 4:00pm
Veterans' Day Ceremony – November 11th – 9:30am

Summer Camp; The camp is now in its 5th week and has a total of 81 children registered within the 7 week program with an average of 35 children in each week. Only 7 out of the 80 children registered are from either Warren or Long Hill Township. No children were registered from Green Brook. All trips were scheduled for rain or shine with lunch included. We have had to make other arrangements several times due to the weather. We now have 10 staff as counselors for the program as we had to hire several new employees this year in order to accommodate some vacancies due to scheduled vacations. Twelve children were enrolled in the morning care and 14 were enrolled in the aftercare so these options are being utilized. The newly constructed floor of the tent is working out well as no water is now leaking into the tent like last year but there are now issues with the tent wall as the back panel is ripping at the top where it is connected to the top frame of the tent. The tent is starting to look weathered and there were also some issues with the zipper at the entrance that has since been rectified. Fee collected to date are now at \$59,605.00. See expense breakdown attached.

Yankee's Vs Ranger's Game; The Borough purchased 40 tickets. To date we have sold 15 tickets and have 13 reserved for commission members that would like to attend, leaving 12 tickets that remain for sale.

Phillip's Deck Replacement Project; The contractors for the project are waiting for the handrails to be installed before adding the ramp in order to discourage anyone from using the deck without handrails. Once the handrails are in place the ramp will be added and the deck will be complete.

Movie Night / Ice Cream Social; The PTO has set the date for the event for September 14th. Fun Services is scheduled to provide the sound and projection. A license for the movie “Moana” has been ordered for the event. The movies suggested at the June meeting were either not available or age appropriate for the ages that attend the event. The Ice Cream Social will start at 6:30pm with the movie planned to start at 7:30pm a half hour earlier than in the past as it should be dark enough to see the screen by then.

Harvest Festival; The event will be held on Oct. 13th this year to accommodate the DPW as they will not be available on the original date of Oct. 27th. The event will run from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Fun Services will provide the amusements. Blue Ridge Sportsman has offered to attend the event and provide funnel cakes or fried Oreos. Once we are closer to the event Stop & Shop will be contacted to see if they would make a donation to the event. Other suggestions are welcomed for food and activities.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator