

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 4, 2015

1. The Mayor and Council approved the appointment of Mary Ann Weber as second alternate member of the Recreation Commission at the January 15th Mayor and Council meeting. M. Weber will hold a term of 5 years as second alternate which expires Dec. 31, 2019. S. Mersereau hold the first position for alternate member.
2. At the last Recreation meeting the Commission discussed running another Borough event such as a Movie night, running the event sometime in June. Warren Township has been contacted for information on the process as they run a Movie Night event. Warren's recreation director gave us contact information for a company that would supply us with all the equipment needed. They informed me of the process and gave me an email link for obtaining the necessary license to run such an event. The event should cost approximately \$1000.00 including the refreshments. The amount had been included in the 2015 Recreation operating budget under Special Events. Plans for the event will be announced in the near future after a date has been secured with the vendor.
3. Registrations for the spring tennis program for Kindergarten thru 8th grade are now posted on our website. Registration is now open. The program will start April 14th, 2015 and run thru June 27th. Lessons will be held at the Mobus field courts on Tuesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 pm and Sundays from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Adult lessons have not yet been posted but will also be available starting sometime in April.
4. Field permits for Watchung fields have been issued to US Sports who will run various sports programs at Mobus Field every Tuesday from April 14th thru June 9th, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Field requests have been submitted to Warren for programs that will be run on their fields by US Sports again this year. Watchung Recreation will split the registration fees collected by US Sports with Warren at the end of the season. Warren permits have not yet been approved. All programs will be offered to both towns. All programs that were run in Warren by US Sports in 2014 were utilized primarily by Warren and Watchung residents assuring that the agreement has benefitted our town by having more programs to offer as well as financial gains for Watchung.
5. A field permit has be issued to Watchung Hill Soccer Association who will be running a program on Blackadar Field from 4:30 to 7:30 pm Monday thru Friday and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, March 9th thru June 20th, 2015.
6. Green Brook Township is in the process of putting together a ski trip. Details of the trip will be announced sometime next week. The information will be forwarded to Watchung when the trip details are set. The trip will be offered to Watchung residents at no cost to the Borough.

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm by C. Zaikov, 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); D. Beck-Clemens (A). C. Zaikov (P); D. Mobus (P); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P) S. Mersereau (A) M. Weber (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: C. Zaikov made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting, M. Onuska second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

M. Weber signed the Oath of Office for the alternate Recreation member position.
Information and suggestions for a dog park and amenities
Movie Night information and pricing
Easter Egg Hunt information and pricing

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Volleyball

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
Tennis

Tennis; L. Monetti mentioned that a tennis program will be offered again and that a spring program is set up starting April 14th.

C: M+C, TEA, MDR - 4-1-15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dog Park; The Commission discussed possible locations for a dog park. Camp Endeavor was mentioned but not favorable for a location as the cost to clear and fence the area would be extensive and parking would be an issue. M. Weber suggested using the area to the left of Best Lake. She mentioned that she took a walk over to the area and reported there were two benches along with a couple of garbage cans at the location.

L. Monetti mentioned that the area is approximately 2.3 acres total but that only one acre was clear of woods and brush. The cost to fence in a one acre area according to an online calculation site, with chain link fencing is approximately \$30,000 not including gates and separation fencing. Other amenities discussed were running water, double gates at the entrance and waste bag dispensers. J. Pennett mentioned that adding agility equipment for the park would be a good project for an Eagle Scout.

Movie Night; The Commission set the date and time for the Movie night to be Friday, June 12th at 8:30 pm with a rain date of June 13th. A decision was made to offer popcorn, candy, soda and waters at the event. L. Monetti informed the commission of a mandatory license to run an outdoor movie at a cost of approximately \$550.00 which includes the movie rental. Additional costs would include the vender who would supply the screen, projector and sound system. Warren Township recommended Michael Doyle from the Warrenwestfield LLC who supplies Warren with the equipment to run their movie night event. The fee for their services is \$400.00 or \$600.00 if a rain date is included.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Egg Hunt; The Commission discussed running an Easter Egg Hunt. Watchung has not offered an Easter Egg Hunt since the Lion's Club ran it at Bayberry School many years ago. C. Murphy made a motion to run the event providing funding is available, C. Zaikov second the motion. The members made a decision to hold the event at Mobus Field on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 to 12:30 pm with a rain date of Sunday, March 29th. C. Murphy suggested offering games to the children after the hunt instead of a parade. All were in favor of the games. M. Onuska suggested having a contest for decorated wagons and bikes and giving out first second and third place ribbons. L. Monetti suggested hiring a DJ in order to make the event more festive, to include music and have them run the games and give out the prizes during the event. L. Monetti mentioned she can purchase 2000 filled eggs with prizes and candy for approximately \$225.00. Prizes for games were discussed but J. Pennett explained that it would not be necessary to give out prizes for the games as the children will be getting prizes in the eggs.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

O2 Sports – Recreation Basketball Uniforms	\$2,212.90
O2 Sports – Travel Basketball Uniforms	\$3,254.00

(These amounts will be offset by registration fees in both programs)

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:30PM
at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

Respectfully Submitted By ,



Linda Monetti