

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by M. Bachert, Director 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:

M. Bachert (P); B. Jacques (P); S. Pote (P). C. Zaikov (A); D. Mobus (P);
A.Baldassarre (P); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (A); S. Mersereau (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the January 17, 2013 were motion to be approved by C. Murphy, second by D. Mobus.

DIRECTORS REPORT : No Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you was sent to P. Havas for his involvement in the Friday night open gym basketball program.

A Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor will be presented to Stephen Wiedlich at the March 17th High School Basketball Banquet in recognition of achieving 1000 career points.

Newsletter Article Notification – Deadline February 15th, 2013

All articles that would like to be put into the spring Newsletter will need to be submitted by the deadline.

Program Liaisons for 2012

Petty Cash Payment for Bill Jacques – Reimbursement for Propane
For the Community Picnic

Summer Playground; Proposed Budget w/ insurance estimate attached.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

PUBLIC PORTION;

J. Clemens representing Brook Hill Swim Club came to the meeting to discuss the possibility of running the Summer Playground program at their facility. Mr. Clemens explained that the club is a non-profit organization and that the cell tower on the property helps to keep the facility open. B. Jacques questioned whether the paid members of the club would welcome 100 campers. Mr. Clemens felt that the program would just need to be well structured and then went over the available pool hours and tennis court options. He mentioned the club did run camp style activities for their members and that the swim team held their practices in the summer months. He explained that the club uses a staffing company who hires the pool managers and all staff members that must be CPR and lifeguard certified. M. Bachert expressed that it would be logical to use the same staffing company for the Borough's program. Mr. Clemens announced that the facility did only serve packaged goods. M. Bachert suggested following a strict daily schedule and that the cost of the program should be cost effective to the borough. She added that it would be important to keep age groups together when scheduling programs. Mr. Clemens mentioned that during inclement weather the staff could run a craft project in the locker rooms or rent a tent for the program that could be used during light rain. He did state that the club does not have an adequate facility for inclement weather except for the locker rooms. Mr. Clemens added that tennis and swim lessons could be offered for an additional charge. The commission discussed raising the program fee to \$250.00 for the six week program and offered Brook Hill \$50.00 per registered camper. B. Jacques added that if 75 campers were registered at \$250. the program should be totally funded. S. Pote felt the program needed to be marketed early and that all details, the schedule, financing model, insurance, and policies and procedures needed to be updated to be able to present the option at the Feb. 14th Mayor and Council meeting. Mr. Clemens reported that the board would have to discuss the option and make a decision at their next meeting based on the offer the commission presented, paying the club \$50.00 per registered camper.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Summer Playground
Softball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Field Hockey
Ice Hockey

Special Projects
Little League
Ponytail
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
In Line Skating
Jr. Football

Tennis
Women's
Twirling
Soccer
Wrestling
Volleyball

NEW BUSINESS: None

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Community Picnic – C. Murphy made a motion to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to move the event to Saturday May 18th with a rain date of Sunday May 19th, D. Mobus second the motion.

Re-organization Appointments for Chair, Vice Chair –
The commission agreed to keep the same in place.

Program liaison reassignments – B. Jacques made a motion to have C. Murphy take over the Friday Night Basketball program, D. Mobus second the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Mobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, C. Murphy second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Linda Monetti