

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm by L. Monetti, Secretary to 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 (A); B. Jacques (A); S. Pote (P); C. Zaikov (P); D. Mobus (P);
A. Baldassarre (A); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (A); S. Mersereau (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of December 5, 2012 were approved by C. Zaikov second by D. Mobus.

DIRECTORS REPORT: To be read and submitted into minutes.

The Commission discussed changing the date of the Community picnic to Saturday, May 18th using a rain date of Sunday, May 19th or possibly the week after Memorial Day, Saturday, June 1st with a rain date of Sunday, June 2nd. S. Pote thought it was important that the commission checked to see if there were any conflicts with these alternative dates before a decision was made.

Peter Havas resigned as liaison to the Friday Night Open Gym Basketball, C. Murphy offered to take over his position.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 11/14/12 – 11/30/12	\$42.50
Warren Township – Rutgers Safety Clinic Training Aids – Lisa Peluso	\$30.50
Thor Guard, Inc. - Extended Warranty	\$250.00
Efinger Sporting Goods Co. – Basketball Supplies	\$3,917.95
O2 Sports – Basketball T- Shirts – 124 @ \$9.00 ea.	\$1,116.00
J. Williams – Referee Payments – 6 th Grade Travel Basketball 15 games @ \$45.00 ea.	\$675.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oath of Office signed by David Mobus

Newsletter Article Notification – Deadline February 15th, 2013;

C. Murphy suggested putting the Summer Playground ad in the spring Newsletter to create awareness and include a discount to encourage early registration.

2013 Meeting Schedule;

Committee contact information updated to include the new council liaison Stephen Pote.

Recreation Program Liaisons for 2012 – Changes will be handled at the next regularly scheduled meeting, February 6th.

Summer Playground trip options;

Freedom Fest State Fair Camp Registration – \$12.00 pp, 2 day event
Bridgewater Sports Arena group activities information

Petty Cash Payment for Bill Jacques – Reimbursement for Propane used at the Community Picnic.

2013 Budget Worksheet – for review

Summer Camp Proposed Budget w/ insurance estimate attached for review

NEW BUSINESS:

Reorganization Appointments for Chair and Vice Chair – No changes were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget Discussion to include donations to organizations Sports, Project Graduation, Youth Services
D. Mobus suggested keeping the donation amount in the budget request, no final decisions were made.

Summer Playground Program;

The commission reviewed the budget worksheet proposed by J. Pennett that included salaries for the staff, shirts for all campers, a budgeted amount to update our website that would include a payment process, as well as supplies. The proposal was an estimate based on a \$200.00 registration fee for each participant with an estimated 75 registrants. Based on his statistics the Borough would profit an approximated \$500.00. L. Monetti informed the commission that the insurance would be the same if the program were to be run at Mobus Field or Brook Hill according to the Borough's insurance carrier. C. Murphy suggested offering swimming lessons during the camp hours.

S. Pote suggested scheduling a special meeting with the commission and Brook Hill to go over the details of the Summer program if it was to be offered at their facility. He felt that it was important to finalize the details and present them to the Mayor and Council at their February 14th meeting and if approved then start the registration process. L. Monetti stated that \$4000. was added to the budget to run the program and that an additional amount was included as well for the staff.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE

Recreation Basketball	Special Projects	Tennis
Summer Playground	Little League	Women's Softball
Ponytail	Twirling	
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Soccer
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	Wrestling
Field Hockey	In Line Skating	Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Jr. Football	

Little League;

C. Zaikov announced that Little League is holding two fundraisers. One will be at Farara's in Westfield at \$100. pp. as well as a Wine Pull where anyone can donate or purchase a bottle to contribute.

Basketball;

C. Murphy reported that he would put together a spread sheet for the basketball budget.

Tennis Courts;

D. Mobus stated that he would have a report ready for our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to adjourn by C. Zaikov at 8:25 pm and second by D. Mobus. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.