

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 pm by D. Beck-Clemens, Council Liaison 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 ( A ); B. Jacques ( A ); D. Beck Clemens ( P ). C. Zaikov ( A ); D. Mobus ( P ); A. Baldassarre ( P ); C. Murphy ( P ); J. Pennett ( P ); S. Mersereau ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** J. Pennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013, D. Mobus second the motion.

**DIRECTORS REPORT :** No Report

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Revised Field Use Permit Application	
Warren Tennis Court Rules	
Drills, Skills & Thrills Basketball Camp information.	
WHRHS Hoops Camp information	
Fishing Derby information	
Donations Received from; Surgicare of Central Jersey Inc.	\$50.00
Colorado Café	\$200.00
Liccardi Ford	\$200.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1) The Commission discussed running the Drill, Skills & Thrills BB camp sometime in August at the Warren Township courts. L. Monetti reported that the WHRHS Hoops camp ends Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The commission decided not to run the program this year but felt that they should consider running the program next year.

2) The Commission discussed the date for fishing derby. D. Mobus made a motion to hold the event on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, J. Pennett second the motion. All were in favor.

## ***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	

*Community Picnic;* D. Beck-Clemens was concerned about the conditions of the bathrooms and thought they should be checked directly before the event and re-stocked with supplies at that time. D. Mobus felt the signs were very effective welcoming residents and deterring non-residents. He also mentioned that the event could be presented better by changing the food that is offered and changing the amusements but added the event went well with minimal effort. C. Murphy reported that the picnic coincided well with the Little League games as when the games concluded the families came to the picnic. A. Baldassarre suggested inviting local businesses to the event and allowing them to sell their products similar to a street fair.

*Tennis Courts;* D. Mobus suggested using an online registration system for the court permits. D. Beck-Clemens mentioned the Borough was incorporating a new web-site and that maybe something could be put in place to handle registrations. L. Monetti brought up the process that Warren Township uses which is a first come first serve basis.

*Harvest Festival;* The date has been set for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

*Hockey/Skating;* A. Baldassarre suggested paving the area behind the Mobus pavilion to use for skating and hockey. The Commission discussed the size of the area and agreed that would be a good use of the area if it was large enough.

*Volleyball;* C. Murphy asked the Commission what they thought of running a men's open gym volleyball program. J. Pennett added that the town could include a survey in the next newsletter to see if there would be enough interest.

*Men's Softball;* J. Pennett mentioned running a men's pick-up league and getting an idea if there was enough interest also by adding a survey in the newsletter.

## ***NEW BUSINESS:***

D. Beck-Clemens announced the resignation of the Recreation Director, Maria Bachert, as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. J. Pennett asked if the Commission would have any responsibility in her replacement. He explained that the position does not require 40 hours of employment weekly and that some weeks require more hours than others depending on the program or events being run at the time.

***VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:***

Mr. John – Temporary Restroom @ Phillips – 4/14/13 – 5/13/13	\$75.00
Thor Guard, Inc. – Lightning System Battery	\$129.96

High School Recreation Basketball

Todd Bailey – Referee reimbursement	\$165.00
John Kayser - Referee reimbursement	\$90.00
Bradford Bury – Referee reimbursement	\$45.00
Alex Miller – Referee reimbursement	\$90.00

Community Picnic

Taylor Rental – 3 ft. grill w/20lbs. Propane	\$190.70
Oriental Trading – Supplies / décor	\$94.75
Minute Man Press – Banners	\$337.86
Marino’s Pizza – 40 pies	\$400.00
BJ’s Wholesale Club – Soda, Water, Hot Dogs, etc.	<u>\$734.91</u>
	\$1758.22
April’s Total for Community Picnic	<u>\$3615.00</u>
Total Expense for Picnic	\$5373.22

***ADJOURNMENT***

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm by A. Baldassarre, seconded by J. Pennett. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Monetti

By Linda Monetti  
Recreation Secretary