

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
January 14, 2014

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); D. Beck-Clemens (P). C. Zaikov (P); D. Mobus (P); A.Baldassarre (A); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (A); S. Mersereau (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the December 4th, 2013 meeting were approved by D. Beck-Clemens, 2nd by B. Jacques.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request was sent to the Recreation Commission for a donation to the WHRHS 2014 Project Graduation. The donation amount was discussed but the decision was not made and the issue was postponed for a later date.

The application for alternate commission member Mike Onuska who was in attendance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mike Onuska was present at the meeting as he is looking to join the Recreation Commission as a second alternate member. He explained that he has been the owner of Sunburst Gymnastics in Union, NJ since 2006 and worked with the Manalapan Recreation department for approximately 10 years. He announced that he would be available for our events and meetings and is looking forward to joining our commission if accepted. The commission welcomed his involvement. B. Jacques made a motion to recommend M. Onuska as an alternate member to the Mayor and Council, D. Mobus second the motion. All were in favor of the appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The ski trip tickets to Camelback Mountain on February 9th have been offered to Watchung residents. Surrounding towns will be included to attend the trip as of Tuesday, Jan. 21st if tickets were still available.
2. The US Sports field permit process is in place. Programs will start on April 14th.
3. The Warren Bon Fire event is scheduled for January 18th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The event will end with a display of fireworks. All surrounding towns are invited to attend.
4. The Phillips Field lease agreement with the BOE was discussed. D. Beck-Clemens explained that the Borough is considering all aspects of the agreement and she anticipates the Borough and the BOE will come to a compromise that will work for both parties.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Murphy mentioned that he would get price quotes to replace the backboards for the basketball courts at Mobus field as they are in poor condition. D. Mobus proposed running a tennis program, separate from the US Sports program that would be run directly through the Recreation department. He suggested purchasing a tennis ball machine and netting to separate the courts when running a youth program. Dave also suggested raising funds for the swing sets.

The dates for the Community Picnic and the Harvest Festival were discussed. It was decided that the picnic will be on May 18th and the Harvest Festival will be held on October 25.

The Commission discussed the appointments for Chair and Vice Chair. D. Mobus made a motion to keep the appointments the same, B. Jacques as Chair and C. Zaikov as Vice Chair, D. Beck-Clemens 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	

H.S. basketball; D. Mobus announced that his daughter Jessica Mobus is no longer available to keep score for the teams as she has another commitment. B. Jacques offered to have his son keep score for the teams for the remainder of the games.

ADJOURNMENT

B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, C. Zaikov second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 5th, 2014 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti
Recreation Secretary/Coordinator