

**Recreation Special Meeting
MINUTES
July 8th, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 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); C. Zaikov (P); S. Black (A); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (A); A. Baitel (A); S. Stiles (P); D. Mobus (P)

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Mr. B's Fishing Camp – Approved
Pop Warner Football & Cheering – Now Open for Registration
\$500. of the Recreation Budget was used for playground mulch

CORRESPONDENSE:

Get Moving Series Flyer – Zumba & Yoga
Watchung Hills Hoops Summer Camp Flyer
Warren Recreation Summer Concert Series Line-Up Information
Field Request for Wedding Ceremony – Janae Hunter July 26th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Recreation Commission made a motion to recommend the approvals for the following;

1. Yoga – Instructor Mike McDonald – Phillip's Field – 2 classes 8/15 & 8/22 (Saturday's)
8:00am – 9:00am – Instructors fee \$50. per hour paid thru the Recreation budget.
Total Cost = \$100. The program will be free of charge to residents with a suggested donation to the Watchung Art Center of \$10. per class. A COVID plan, approved by the BOH, will be in place and enforced by the instructor. (Available upon request)
2. Yoga – Instructor Renata Cardinal – Phillip's Field – 2 classes 7/29 & 8/5 (Wednesday's)
6:30pm – 7:30 pm - Instructors fee \$50. per hour paid thru the Recreation budget.
Total Cost = \$100. The program will be free of charge to residents with a suggested donation to the Watchung Art Center of \$10. per class. A COVID plan, approved by the BOH, will be in place and enforced by the instructor. (Available upon request)
3. A Temporary Restroom will be supplied for the programs at Phillip's between 7/29 & 8/22. The rental company will service unit once a week and DPW will sanitized once per day. The cost would be \$47.18.

4. Zumba – Instructor Yulibeth Oliveira – Mobus Field - 2 classes per week from 7/27 – 9/4 or a total of 6 weeks / 12 classes total, held on the Basketball Courts – Monday’s from 7:00am – 8:00am & Thursday’s from 6:30pm – 7:30pm OR at Phillip’s Field – Monday’s from 8:30am – 9:30am & Thursday’s 6:30pm – 7:30pm - Instructors fee \$50. paid thru the Recreation budget – Total cost = \$600. The program will be free to residents with a suggested donation to the Watchung Art Center of \$10 per class. A COVID plan, approved by the BOH, will be in place enforced by the instructor. (Available upon request)

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Recreation Commission made a decision to revisit the following events;

1. “Movie Night” – The Commission discussed holding a “Family Movie Night” with a “Bring Your Own Refreshments” alternative to serving popcorn and beverages. The event would require adult chaperones and social distancing. The movie choice would not include a cartoon but one that appeals to children 8 years and up.
2. “Fishing Derby” – The event may be considered for September or early October if COVID restrictions are lifted as the area at the Watchung Lake is not conducive to social distancing. Also space is limited where the lake is free from overgrowth and where fishing is favorable.
3. “Harvest Festival” – The event is on hold at this time and will be discussed again at the September meeting.
4. “Music in the Park” – The Recreation Commission had planned to hold the event in June using a band called “Lost in Place”. Since the plans were on hold Warren Township Recreation has put together their “Summer Concert Series” which is open to the public and the WHRHS sending district. On their list is the “Lost in Place” band scheduled to perform on July 15th along with three other bands scheduled for July 8th, 22nd and 29th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission made a motion to recommend the approval of the use of the Gazebo’s for a wedding ceremony.

Gazebo Rental for Janae Hunter, 13307 Diamond Court, Watchung for July 26, 2020 from 3:00pm – 6pm (Wedding) Fee \$50. A field use form with a COVID waiver, hold harmless and certificate of insurance will be in place.

The Commission made a motion to recommend the approval of the Basketball Camp.

Titletown Performance – A Youth Basketball Camp run on the Basketball Courts at Mobus Field for 2nd Grade – 10th Grade students of the WHRHS sending district. The program would run for 5 weeks between July 27th thru August 28th, Monday thru Friday from 8:30am – 4:30pm as follows;

COED – Grades 2 – 5 from 8:30am – 11:00am
Girls Only – Grades 6 – 10 from 11:15am – 1:45pm
Boys Only – Grades 6 – 10 from 2:00 pm – 4:30pm

Justin Salton, the instructor, is the basketball coach for WHRHS and runs this program every summer for the district at the high school which is not available this year due to the COVID pandemic. The commission feels this is a good service to the community. Although the courts will not be available for free play during those hours, the program will be a supervised activity for 9 grade levels. The Commission agreed that a supervised program may prevent groups of youth from surrounding towns gathering in the area and will discourage students from utilizing the courts without masks and social distancing. As this is a for profit program a fee of \$15. per registered student will be due to the Borough once the program is complete. A COVID plan, approved by the BOH, will be in place and enforced by the instructor.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business C. Zaikov made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, S. Stiles 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 2020 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator