

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

October 7, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:37 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 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 (A); S. Black (A); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); S. Stiles (P); A. Baitel (P); D. Mobus (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Onuska made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 2, 2020 meeting, B. Jacques seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Approved;

Mr. B's Volley Ball Program – Blackadar Field – Sept. 28th thru Oct. 30th – 3:00pm – 6:00pm

The gazebo's use for a wedding on Oct. 17th, 2020 from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest – October 24th, 9:00am – 2:00pm. The information and sign up link is now posted on the Borough's website.

The "Music in the Park" event was well attended with over 100 people who came out for the event. The band "Lost in Place" were well received and the feedback was all positive for the event.

The Watchung Education Foundation is holding a drive-thru Trunk or Treat event at Bayberry School on Friday, Oct. 30th from 4 – 6pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Flyer for the Pumpkin Painting Contest
Drive-Thru Truck or Treat Flyer

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL: No Vouchers Submitted

C: M + C, J L, R B - 11/6/20

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chair of the Watchung Parent Teacher Organization "Dine to Dine" program reached out to the Recreation Commission regarding the opportunity to coordinate the food truck vendors to participate at the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The PTO is looking for the Recreation Commission's support for their fund raising efforts. A. Baitel made a motion to include the food trucks at the Pumpkin Decorating event. M. Weber second the motion. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Pumpkin Decorating event. A. Baitel mentioned each age group will have 30 minutes to decorate their pumpkin. The judges will make their decision for the winning pumpkin after 25 minutes and the volunteers will have 15 minutes in-between each group to set up for the next age group. S. Stiles mentioned she would see if there were any Boy Scouts available to help out.

A grant is now available for Game Time playground equipment. An application was submitted to add some ADA accessible equipment to the playground at Mobus Field.

As the picnic tables at Phillip's and Mobus Fields are rusting, several options are available to replace them. The choices will be submitted to the Mayor and Council for their approval. All options have a similar cost of approximately \$650.00 each. There is a total of 13 between the two parks. M. Weber mentioned that there were picnic tables at Best Lake as well but they are not used often. She agreed to report on their condition and if they too needed replacing.

D. Mobus mentioned that there were cracks in the tennis and basketball courts at Mobus Field. L. Monetti added that DPW had repaired some of the cracks on the tennis courts in 2018 since the cost to repair the courts professionally were costly.

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REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball	Special Events	Volleyball
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Tennis
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, M. Weber second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary