

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**Sept. 2, 2020**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:34 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 ( P ); S. Stiles ( P ); A. Baitel ( P ); D. Mobus ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meetings were motioned to be approved by M. Weber, second by S. Stiles. All were in favor.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Field / Facility Use;**

**Approved**

Little League – September thru December - Phillip's Field – 4pm – 9:00pm

Warren Baseball – Sept. thru Dec. – Mobus and Phillip's Fields – Mon. thru Fri. 4pm – 9pm

Mr. B's Fishing Camp – Extension of Permit thru September

**Waiting for Approval;**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

L. Monetti reported that the following items were discussed by Commission in the past and since most programs and events were cancelled this year and there is money left in the Recreation budget, we may be able to get the approval from the Mayor and Council to make some of these purchases.

1. Adding an ADA accessible piece of equipment to the playground.
2. Adding shade structures to the playground.

M. Onuska also mentioned replacing the picnic tables and using the Capital Budget to fund these items.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

The Commission discussed the following event options; Tennis Program, Music in the Park, and Movie in the Park. L. Monetti mentioned that Michael Watson who runs a tennis program in Warren may be interested in running programs in Watchung. He plans to look for available instructors and let us know if he can facilitate some programs in Watchung in the coming weeks.

The Commission discussed using 10 ft. circles, 6 ft. apart for social distancing and crowd control for the Music in the Park event as part of a COVID plan. L. Monetti mentioned the band "Lost in Place" is available to play on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> but they did not agree to a rain date. M. Weber mention she would see if the CERT Team could assist at the event.

The Commission discussed holding a Movie Night event with a Halloween themed movie. Several movies were suggested. J. Pennett suggested a Drive In Movie would be easier to crowd control. The Commission was concerned that is would be difficult to keep younger children safe once it was dark out. S. Stiles suggested holding a Scare Crow contest.

A. Baitel suggested a Pumpkin Painting Contest event. She suggested having set times for each age group and holding the event for Watchung residents only. M. Weber suggested giving out zip lock bags with supplies to each child that enters the contest. J. Pennett suggested having everyone sign up in advance. A. Baitel mentioned she would draw up a plan for the event. All were in favor.

***VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:***

Walmart.com -- 12 Pk. Jumbo Bath Tissue (Mobus Pavilion) \$43.00

***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: NO REPORTS***

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| 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 made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm, C. Zaikov second the motion, all were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Linda Monetti*

Recreation Coordinator/  
Recording Secretary