

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

**November 3, 2021**

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

**<https://zoom.us/j/3331540373>**

**Meeting ID: 333 154 0373**

**Dial In # - 1 (646) 558 – 8656**

### **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. 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 ( P ); J. Pennett ( A ); M. Onuska ( P ); M. Weber ( P ); S. Stiles ( P ); A. Baitel ( P ); F. Hayeck ( P ) T. Sims ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** M. Weber made a motion to approve the September 22nd, 2021 meeting minutes S. Stiles second the motion. All were in favor.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached**

### **VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

Amazon – Misc. Pumpkin Painting event supplies	\$174.12
Crown Trophy of Green Brook – Fishing Derby Trophies	\$104.00
ARF Rental Service, Inc. – Temporary Restroom (September)	\$59.00
L. Jhaveri – Camp Reimbursement	\$225.00
Uline – 6 Metal Picnic Tables & Shelving for Mobus	\$5546.00
League Athletics – Annual Website Hosting	\$250.00
Kona Ice – Ice Cream Truck for Summer Camp	\$102.00
A. Baitel – Target & Oriental Trading Orders (Pumpkin Event)	\$1717.42
A. Baitel – Goodie Bag Candy & Pretzels	\$94.93
ARF Rental Service, Inc. – Temporary Restroom (October)	\$59.00
AvidAlly – Watchunghoops Website Set-Up	\$195.00
Gray's Florist – Pumpkins, Mums, Corn Stalks	\$1095.34
L. Monetti – Gift Cards for Prizes, Ice Cream, Hot Dogs Etc.	\$1169.20
Fun Services – Amusements & DJ	\$4000.00
Amazon – Bubble Machine	\$67.71
Amazon – Game Supplies & Prizes, Condiments Etc.	\$608.64
Lindaberry Farms – Hay for Hay Stack	\$480.00
Warren Township - Coaches Training – A. Jarvis & B. Sims	\$71.00
Kafka Farms – Petting Zoo & Pony Rides	\$800.00

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

The Commission discussed running a bowling or ice-skating event. S. Stiles mentioned that ice skating might not appeal to everyone. B. Jacques suggested funding a portion of the event through the budget but charging \$10.00 per person so that families would not cancel at the last minute if there was no financial commitment. M. Onuska made a motion to recommend running a "Sunday Family Fun Day" holding a bowling event utilizing some of the remaining Recreation budget and charging \$10.00 per person to participate and cover a portion of the costs. S. Stiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

The Commission discussed the recommendations on the Capital Budget. L. Monetti mentioned that a grant was available through the county for Municipal Parks and that the grant application will be on the November 4<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council meeting for the approval to submit the application.

Discussing Hurricane Ida and the storm damages to Mobus Field, S. Stiles suggested moving the Mobus ball field to Phillip's Field and utilizing the Mobus ball field area for the playground or tennis courts since it is further away from the stream and lake where it may not be subject to future storms.

### ***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:***

#### **Special Events**

Boys Traveling Basketball

Women's Volleyball

Somerset County Activities

Youth Basketball

Spring and Fall Tennis

Adult Basketball

C. Zaikov mentioned the facility use for Bayberry and Valley View Schools have been approved for travel basketball and those practices started on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. L. Monetti reported that she is waiting for approvals to use the schools for Women's Volleyball and Men's Pick-up Basketball.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business S. Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, F. Hayeck second the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Linda Monetti*

Recreation Coordinator/

Recording Secretary