



RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2024

7:30 pm

Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung NJ

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Suze Stiles, (filling in for absent Chairperson and Co-Chairperson) who determined that this meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by way of annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Bill Jacques, Chair Person (); Craig Zaikov, Vice-Chair Person (); John Pennett (); Michael Onuska (✓); Mary Ann Weber (✓); Suzanne Stiles (✓); Allison Baitel (✓); Curt Dahl (✓); Pierce Jubin (); Dámaris Gray, Coordinator (✓)

Also present: James Damato, Borough Administrator; Bruce Ruck, President and Marybeth Lijo – Board of Health

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the February 7, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by Curt Dahl

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – Bruce Ruck, President – Board of Health gave a brief history of the Mayors Wellness Campaign, specifically Watchung Walks initiative implemented two years ago. A discussion was held regarding a collaborated effort to get the residents more active with the MWC. Some suggestions included: two members from Board of Health and two members of the Recreation Commission to work together to come up with ideas for future activities; Family Run at the Community Picnic; Learn how to play Pickleball possible Tennis lessons and tournaments. The Recreation Commission will discuss this further at the next schedule meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (attached)

Dámaris Gray gave a summary regarding Easter Egg Hunt, Community Picnic, Mayor's Regatta, International Day, Music in the Park.

CORRESPONDENCE: (All attached hereto)

Kevin KJ. Kilpatrick, Treasurer - Round Top Swim & Tennis Club - Borough Administrator Jim Damato was present to update the members on the price increase of \$200.00 per child per week that Round Top Swim & Tennis Club is proposing. It was suggested that the Mayor and Borough Administrator have a meeting with the Round Top's Board Members to negotiate for a lower amount.

Rachelle Gochan, Women's Volleyball – discussion was held regarding the use of a borough site for volleyball during the Summer months when the gym is closed.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Angelo Scarano, Inc. (Portable Restroom-February)	\$125.00
Easter Egg Hunt – prefilled eggs (5,000)	\$745.00
Borough Seal Decals for corn hole sets	\$217.00

REPORTS OF CHAIR PERSONS:

No reports given for the following:

- Boys Traveling Basketball
- Recreation Basketball
- Special Events
- Girls Traveling Basketball
- Men’s Basketball
- Volleyball
- Tennis

OLD BUSINESS:

Music in the Park – “Lost in Place” band was suggested and a tentative date of August 17th was proposed pending their availability. Dámaris Gray will follow up on confirming a date.

International Day - Dámaris Gray stated that she has not moved forward with obtaining the food trucks because the fee increase is still pending on the Board of Health.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by Allison Baitel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dámaris Quñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 5/1/24