



RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 1, 2024

7:30 pm

Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung NJ 07069

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:44pm by Mary Ann Weber, (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 (✓)

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the March 6, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Alison Baitel and seconded by Michael Onuska, all present were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE (attached)

David Judd, Pickleball Courts – Damaris Gray stated that the Borough Administrator directed her to order a bench, as David Judd suggested, to be placed near the Pickleball Court for residents to have a seat while waiting their turn to play. She also informed that the ground in that area has to be assessed to determine best location for the bench.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT (attached)

Dámaris Gray gave a summary of a very lengthy report regarding:

- Field Requests
- Student Volunteer Community Hours
- Easter Egg Hunt – discussion was held regarding complaints received.
- Community Picnic – update on donations. MWC participation and new entertainment (blow ups, etc.) Freezer purchased and will be used at Summer Camp.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – honoring Donald Thomas Murray
- Summer Camp Update - \$350 per camper per week before May 1st; Residents registering after May 1st and surrounding area towns - \$375 per camper per week
- Mayor's Regatta – Damaris Gray asked Suze Stile to inquire with Jay Stiles about obtaining canoes.
- International Festival – named changed to Borough Block Party, waiting for Board of Heath to increase license fees for temporary food establishments (Food Trucks)
- Music in the Park - Lost in Place and confirmed the band for Friday, August 2, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for: \$1,500.00

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

BJ's Wholesale Club (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$163.08
Walmart (Egg Hunt Prizes)	\$198.28
Amazon (Recreation Supplies)	\$101.53
Amazon (Recreation Supplies)	\$44.98
Amazon (Recreation Supplies)	\$147.05
Travel Basketball (Referee Reimbursement)	\$1,120.00
MaryAnn Weber (Egg Hunt Reimbursement)	\$128.22
Power House Studios (Camp Trip – deposit)	\$515.00
Urban Air (Camp Trip)	\$1,940.55
Branchburg Sports Complex (Camp Trip)	\$1,320.00
Round Top Swim &Tennis Club (Summer Camp Deposit)	\$1,500.00

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

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – Selection of two Commissioners to be on MWC committee. The Recreation Commissioners cannot participate in the MWC committee due to extremely busy schedules.

EMAIL FROM VICE-CHAIRPERSON CRAIG ZAIKOV (attached)

Damaris Gray read an email from Craig Zaikov, stating that after serving many years on the Recreation Commission he is resigning, We thank him for his dedication and commitment to Watchung's youth and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by Allison Baitel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dámaris Quiñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 6/5/2024