



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 7, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Bill Jacques, 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, Council Liaison (✓); Pierce Jubin (✓); Dámaris Gray, Coordinator (✓)

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by John Pennett for Bill Jacques to remain as Chairman and Craig Zaikov to remain as Vice-Chair. All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the December 6, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by John Pennett. All were in favor.

Allison Baitel arrived at 7:34pm

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: 2024 Events

Details of upcoming and proposed events: **Easter Egg Hunt, Music in the Park and International Day – Italian Feast** (Report attached).

Damaris Gray informed that a few music groups have reached out to her and will forward all correspondence to them. The Music in the Park event will be tentatively held on August 17th. Councilman Dahl stated that Italian Feast on June 22nd right after the Mayor's Regatta.

CORRESPONDENCE: (All attached hereto)

Watchung Hills Soccer Association Spring Programs - Damaris Gray informed that the Borough had shared the flyer on the borough's website, posted on social media and through email blast.

ISPW-Independent Superstars of Professional Wrestling – Discussion was held regarding their proposal for an event and it was decided not to consider them for our events this year.

Angela Miele – Watchung Educational Foundation (WEF) sent email regarding the Trunk or Treat event on October 26 which is the same date of the Harvest Festival. It was decided to revise the date of Harvest Festival to October 5th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayors Wellness Campaign – Bruck Ruck attended last zoom meeting regarding collaboration with Board of Health. Damaris Gray informed that the Board of Health assigned two representatives to work with two Recreation Commissioner on initiatives and will extend an invitation to them for the next meeting.

Bachi Ball Ribbon Cutting – It was decided to have the ribbon cutting at the Italian Feast on June 22nd.

Softball Games – Police, Fire and Rescue to set up event.

Cornhole Tournament – **It was decided to hold tournament at community picnic with pre-registration. Discussion was held regarding the Community Picnic and John Pennett suggested having hotdogs the first two hours and pizza the next two hours.**

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Angelo Scarano, Inc. (Portable Restroom-November)	\$125.00
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SUMMER CAMP – Damaris Gray stated that Summer Camp flyer will go out mid-march and the packets will be available April 1st for early bird special. She also mentioned that she received calls from a resident asking to be put on a list to receive pack before hand because she will be away and may miss it like last year. It was decided to push back the early bird date to April 8th.

REPORTS OF CHAIR PERSONS:

Recreation Basketball – John Pennett informed that Buffalo Wild Wings will be offering free wings before the game.

Boys Traveling Basketball – Craig Zaikov stated that the season is not over yet. He explained that next year's travel basketball will be combined with Warren.

No report given for the following:

Somerset County Activities

Special Events

Girls Traveling Basketball

Men's Basketball

Volleyball

Tennis

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Jacques and seconded by John Pennett. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Damaris Quñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 3/6/24