



RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

September 4, 2024

7:30 pm

Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung NJ

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Chairman Bill Jacques, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Bill Jacques, Chair Person (✓); John Pennett (); Michael Onuska (✓);
Mary Ann Weber (✓); Suzanne Stiles (✓); Allison Baitel (); Curt Dahl, Council Liaison (✓);
Pierce Jubin (); Robert Weck (); Dámaris Gray, Coordinator (✓)

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the June 5, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by Suzanne Stiles, all present were in favor.

Allison Baitel arrived at 7:36pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of Resolution R4 (attached hereto) adopted by the Mayor and Council at the meeting held May 16, 2024, regarding the appointment of Pierce Jubin as a Regular Member and Robert Weck as Alternate #2. Bill Jacques questioned why Robert Weck is Alternate #2 and not Alternate #1. Discussion was held and Suz Stiles stated she will review the by-laws to determine the reason and also inquire with Jim Damato the Borough Administrator. Damaris Gray suggested to inquire with Edith Gil the Borough Clerk as well.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT (attached)

Damaris Gray gave a summary of the report regarding:

- Field Requests
- Block Party – debriefing
- Summer Camp – debriefing – Mike Onuska suggested for the Borough to check with BOE for use of one of their facilities for next year's camp.
- Movie Night - update
- Fishing Derby – update
- Harvest Festival - update
- Music in the Park – update

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Block Party – Disc Jockey Service	\$395.00
Block Party – Six Ways to Saturday (Band)	\$150.00
Block Party – Taylor Rental (small round tables)	\$390.00

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL (cont.)

Block Party – The Benjamins (Band)	\$3,000.00
Block Party – Angelo Scarano, Inc. (Portable Toilets)	\$575.00
Block Party – Somerset Rental (Tent)	\$1,600.00
Summer Camp – Deblyn Screen Printing (T-shirts)	\$834.50
Summer Camp – Trip to Pump it Up	\$978.70
Summer Camp – Extra T-shirts	\$32.50
Summer Camp – Trip to Iron Peak	\$1,348.00
Summer Camp – Rainy day trip to Liberty Science Center	\$1,056.00
Movie Night – Fun Services (Screen/projection set up)	\$1,500.00
Harvest Festival – Any Excuse For A Party – deposit (Bouncy Units, DJ Service, etc.)	\$1,414.36

REPORTS OF CHAIR PERSONS

No reports given for the following:

Recreation Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball	Men’s Basketball
Somerset County Activities	Volleyball
Special Events	Tennis

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

These items were briefly discussed:

- Mike Onuska requested a budget report to determine what the Commission can do with remaining balance.
- New Gaga Ball Pen at Mobus Field.
- Damaris Gray invited the members to the 9/11 Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Jacques and seconded by Mary Ann Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Damaris Quiñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 10/2/24