



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

December 4, 2024

7:30 pm

Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung NJ

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm 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, Vice Chair Person (); Michael Onuska (√); Mary Ann Weber (√); Suz Stiles (√); Allison Baitel (); Curt Dahl, Council Liaison (√); Pierce Jubin (); Robert Weck (√); Dámaris Gray, Coordinator (√)

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the September 4, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Bill Jacques and seconded by Suz Stiles, all present were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: (attached)

Email from Allison Baitel – Resignation from Commission (attached). Members commended her for the time she dedicated to the Recreation Commission and wished Allison the best.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Round Top Swim & Tennis Club	\$17,280.00
Swank Motion Pictures	\$465.00
Crown Trophy of Green Brook	\$132.50
Harold Kafka – Petting Zoo	\$1,925.00
Angelo Scarano – additional portable toilet	\$200.00
Lindaberry Farms	\$640.00
Marino’s Pizza – (Donation Offset)	\$450.00
Any Excuse For A Party	\$4,500.64
Damaris Quinones-Gray (Pizza Delivery Tip)	\$30.00
Gray’s Florist	\$278.94
Somerset Co. Park Commission – TR Program	\$1,450.00

2024 BUDGET REPORT

Discussion was held regarding donations and any surplus for the year. Mike Onuska request that the Capital Improvement List be provided at the next meeting. A suggestion was made to look into any grants that may be available for community improvements.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Fishing Derby - debriefing
- Harvest Festival - debriefing
- Music in the Park – cancelled until 2025
- Summer Camp 2025 – location was discussed

PROPOSED 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Final schedule will be provided at the February 5, 2025 Re-Organization

REPORTS OF CHAIR PERSONS - No reports were given for the following:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Jude Escano – Youth Travel Basketball – Letter of Support was signed by Chairman Bill Jacques and submitted to Mayor & Council. Chairman Jacques stated that next year tryouts will have to be held for all of Watchung's 7th graders to have the opportunity to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Watchung's Winter Wonderland – no volunteers will be needed. Inflatables, Snow Globe Photo Ops and trackless train will be available at no cost. Vendors and Food trucks will be charging their respective fees.

2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule – will be accepted at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on what the By-Laws state regarding Members and Alternates and it was determined that the Mayor be reminded that there is a 2nd Alternate opening.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Suz Stiles and seconded by Mike Onuska. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The 2025 Re-Organization meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 7:30pm at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dámaris Quñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 2/5/25