

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

May 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:42 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 20:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

L. Monetti (P); B. Jacques (P); C. Zaikov (P); S. Black (P); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (A); M. Weber (P); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (P); A. Murad (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Onuska made a motion to approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes, M. Weber second the motion. (April Meeting Cancelled)

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Racquets & Relaxation
Summer Camp Registrations
"Save the Dates"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Easter Egg Hunt. L. Monetti mentioned we should break up the age groups differently next year since there weren't many in the 10 to 13 yr. section.

L. Monetti reported on the arrangements, vendors and volunteers that were scheduled for the Community Picnic. (See Coordinator's Report for details)

A. Murad reported that she reserved one food truck for the "Music in the Park" event. She mentioned that an Ice Cream truck and the Bubble Tea would also be a great addition to the event. M. Weber and B. Jacques both felt it would good to have two food trucks for the event.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

C. Zaikov reported that Little League registrations were less than 100 students this year and that we combined teams with Warren for the Minors and Majors. He mentioned that pre-K to 2nd was run with Watchung students separately.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed holding a "Mayor's Regatta" on the Watchung Lake this year. S. Black mentioned that he was concerned about the water quality and reported that the lake dredging project is in the planning stages. M. Weber suggested that it may be better to wait until the project is complete before holding the event. S. Black mentioned that the silt and vegetation would be cleared out during the project and it would then be easier to access the lake from the shore and if anyone ended up in the water the vegetation wouldn't be a safety issue. All were in favor of waiting until the dredging project was completed.

The Commission discussed the shade issue at Mobus Park. L. Monetti mentioned that the Administration and Finance Committee were not in favor of purchasing a canopy structure at this time. S. Black mentioned that it would help to alleviate the water issues at the park if we planted some Swamp Birch trees which require a great deal of water for their root system. He mentioned that they grow about 2 feet per year and would be a good option for shade. A. Murad mentioned that the new Goddard School in Long Hill had added some shade options to their playground and that maybe we could get some recommendations from them on a contractor and the cost.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Watchung BOE – Facility Use for Recreation Basketball	\$2640.00
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Basketball Referee Reimbursements;

Brian Morris	\$350.00
Stephanie Hunsinger	\$400.00
Doyle Hunsinger	\$400.00
John Benvenuto	\$200.00
Jeralyn Lawrence	\$600.00
Rhea Williams	\$200.00
John Griffith	\$550.00
Craig Zaikov – w/Showcase	\$455.95
Troy Sims	\$150.00

Basketball;

D & M Trophies	\$147.25
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Easter Egg Hunt;

Fun Services – DJ/Game Host	\$300.00
Ayers Distributing – 4000 Filled Eggs	\$556.00
Amazon - Décor and Prizes	\$202.08
Amazon – Misc. Supplies	\$97.93
L. Monetti – Decorations and Refreshments	\$180.88
L. Monetti – Movie Gift Cards 10 @ \$25. w/S&H	\$265.00

Summer Camp Trips Reservation Deposits;

Branchburg Sports Complex	\$100.00
Powerhouse Studios Inc.	\$300.00
The Fun Plex	\$100.00
Crayola Experience	\$175.00
Urban Air – Avenel	\$500.00
Echoes Sentinel - Staff Advertisement	\$231.94
Matt Buglovsky – Holiday Camp Reimbursement	\$552.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.
M. Weber seconded the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday,
June 5, 2019 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator