

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 5, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 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 (A); S. Black (P); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (A); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (A); A. Murad (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Onuska made a motion to approve the May 1, 2019 meeting minutes, C. Zaikov second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

"Music in the Park" flyer
Community Picnic Event Notes
Community Picnic Cost & Donations
Summer Camp Registrations Totals

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Community Picnic. L. Monetti suggested not having a council table at the next event as to discourage campaigning and discussing political views at the event. S. Black suggested having a table with town information only. All were in favor.

L. Monetti mentioned that Caldwell Banker was not able to supply the Italian Ice this year as they have done in the past so we had an Ice Cream truck come to the event. L. Monetti mentioned that the ice cream was not offered to the residents free of charge and because some parents did not carry cash with them some children were disappointed as they were not able to have ice cream at the event. The Commission discussed including the ice cream in our budget in next year's event.

L. Monetti mentioned the trips are set for the Summer Camp and Dealaman Bus Company has agreed to supply our camp with bus service for the seven week program. Also mentioned was that 61 children are now registered for the camp.

C. M+C, JB, HBR 7/20/19

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A.Murad mentioned that she had a hard time securing food trucks for the "Music in the Park" event as many of the trucks were concerned that since it was our first event of this kind we may not get the turn out they would hope for.

The Commission discussed adding fast growing trees around the playground to create more shade. S. Black made a recommendation to plant Swamp Birch trees in that area to help with ground water issues and as a shade option. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the PTO Ice Cream Social & Movie Night Event. L. Monetti mentioned the PTO wanted sell cotton candy as a fund raiser for the student that is suffering from a life threatening disease. M. Onuska has offered to allow the PTO to use his machine for their portion of the event.

L. Monetti mentioned the following scheduled events;

Fishing Derby event Date planned for 9/21 (Rain Date 9/22)

Harvest Festival event Date planned for 10/19 (Rain Date 10/20)

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: No Reports

Recreation Basketball	Special Events	Volleyball
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Tennis
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Community Picnic;

Prizes and Supplies (Sand Art)	\$221.02
Costco Membership & Misc. Supplies	\$120.59
Party City – decorations, coffee & donuts for volunteers	\$71.52
Fed Ex - Thank you sponsors/volunteers banner	\$170.00
ARF Temporary Restroom	\$47.88
Marino's Pizza – 45 pies @ \$9.00 each	\$405.00
Costco – Beverages, Snacks & Hot Dog Rolls	\$662.53
Fun services – Amusements and DJ	\$7400.00
Will Shaw – Strolling Comic Juggler	\$400.00
Amazon – Sand Art, Cotton Candy and Pop Corn	\$208.16

Basketball;

Custodial Fees for the use of Valley View School	\$495.00
J. Mazzuca – Referee Reimbursement	\$450.00
John Cozolino – "Music in the Park" event band	\$1350.00
Gray's Florist – Fruit Basket for K. Pennett	\$65.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.
M. Onuska seconded the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday,
September 4, 2019 7:30pm at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator