

Agenda
1/16/20

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 23, 2019
(Rescheduled from Oct. 3rd)**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:32 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 (A); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); M. Candiloros (A); A. Murad (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the Sept. 4, 2019 meeting minutes. M. Weber second the motion, all were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Budget Account Status Sheet

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed having another "Music in the Park" event. Several bands were suggested like a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, B. Jacques suggested "Lost in Time" a 60's & 70's local band. M. Weber suggested hiring a "Doo Wop" band. M. Onuska suggested having the event earlier in June 2020 before Father's Day like June 5th or 6th. As the food trucks did not do as well as they hoped J. Pennett suggested having Little League or the Boy Scouts sell hot dogs as a fund raiser and having the Snack Shack open for refreshments and snacks during the event.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

J. Pennett reported that the Friday Night Men's Basketball program had at least 10 players attend the program weekly.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission talked about renting or purchasing a new tent for the Summer Camp program. L. Monetti reported that there is black mold on the tent walls. She suggested adding a new tent to the 2020 budget as part of the camp's expenses. J. Pennett mentioned that D & R Boats may sell a product that could get mold stains out of the canvas.

The Commission discussed adding new picnic tables to the 2020 budget for Mobus and Phillip's. L. Monetti reported that some of the metal picnic tables are rusting and becoming a safety hazard.

L. Monetti reported that the Goose Stoppers product had been applied to the grassy areas at Mobus Field and is working as there hasn't been any geese seen on the property since the application.

M. Onuska reported that mold is starting to develop again on the edges of the tennis courts at Mobus.

L. Monetti made a suggestion to hold a "Holiday Lights Contest" and a "Snow Sculpture Contest" during the holiday season. The Commission discussed several ideas, like having a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for each contest. M. Onuska suggested getting gift cards donated from Cinemark Theaters, Buffalo Wild Wings or Marino's. L. Monetti mentioned that donations are requested from these businesses for the Community Picnic and since the donation request letters go out early in the New Year we may want to add the contest prizes to our 2020 budget. The Commission discussed giving out a \$100. gift card for 1st place, \$50. for 2nd place and \$25. for 3rd place. All were in favor of adding these contests.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Movie Night;

Home Depot – Spot Light	\$120.49
L. Monetti – Staples Sign Material	\$19.17

Fishing Derby;

D & M Trophies	\$164.00
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Harvest Festival;

Costco – Food, Refreshments, Supplies	\$883.25
L. Monetti – Misc Supplies	\$80.06
L. Monetti – Bait, Munchkins, Balloons etc.	\$101.31
Amazon – popcorn	\$43.88
Swift Farms – Hay, Pumpkins, Mums, Cornstalks	\$1377.00
Amazon – Misc. Supplies	\$66.52
Oriental Trading – Sand Art supplies	\$63.66
Amazon – Craft Supplies	\$239.21
Fun Services – DJ, Face Paint, Petting Zoo, Amusements	\$6620.00

Basketball;

League Athletics Travel Basketball	\$250.00
DeBizness, LLC – Watchunghoops website setup	\$200.00
Jersey Basketball Association - 7 Teams @ \$150. per team	\$1050.00

Miscellaneous;

Defibrillator Maintenance	\$295.00
ARF – temporary restroom rental 9/1/19 – 9/30/19	\$47.88

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business J. Pennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. M. Weber second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, 7:30 PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
October 23, 2019

Field / Facility Use; Mr. B's summer camp programs have now concluded. Totals fees collected for all of his summer programs came to \$1020.00. A total of \$2030. has been collected to date for field and facility use for all programs and events for 2019.

Movie Night & the PTO Ice Cream Social; The event was held on September 13th from 6:30pm to 9:15pm at Phillip's Field. Approximately 300 residents came out to enjoy the festivities. The PTO supplied an ice cream truck and gave out around 350 ice cream cones during the first portion of the event. Recreation then supplied the popcorn, waters and juice packs during the movie portion. The PTO also sold cotton candy as a fund raiser for Duchenne Awareness and raised approximately \$750.00. The total cost of the event was \$1060.16. We were able to use the movie license from 2018 which cost \$395.00. as the event was not run last year due to inclement weather.

"Music in the Park"; The band "River of Dreams" a Billy Joel tribute band performed at Phillip's Field on September 21st from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Two food trucks were at the event, a BBQ and an Ice Cream truck. Approximately 120 people came out for the event but it was very hot that day so most people sat in the back of the field in the shade. The band was great and the food trucks were really good but the crowd may not have been enough for them to return if we decide to do another "Music in the Park" event next year. The total price of the event was \$1350. which is what it cost for the band.

Fishing Derby; The event was held on September 28th at Watchung Lake from 9:00am to Noon. Blue Ridge Sportsmen helped out again by measuring the fish and supporting the residents with bait and tackle. They also supplied the event with about 15 prizes that they gave out as a special give-a-way at the end of the event. About 120 people came out for the event which was a beautiful morning. Recreation supported the measuring process and kept tract of the size and count of the fish as well as the registration process. The Borough supplied coffee, donuts, waters, and juice packs for the event. 55 children were registered and 224 fish were caught, (222 Blue Gills, 2 catfish and 1 large turtle). Ron Jacobson from Fish & Wildlife gave a presentation and donated 80 catfish that he released into the lake during the event. 18 trophies were given out at the end with three age groups and several categories. The children were very excited to be part of the event and the parents were thankful and supportive of the activity for their family. The total cost of the event was \$378.28.

Harvest Festival; The event was held on October 19th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at Mobus Field. Approximately 600 people came out for the event. We went through a total of 600 hot dogs, 480 slices of pizza or 60 pies, 100 lbs. of apples, 270 bags of chips, 750 pieces of candy, 20 lbs. of popcorn, and 36 lbs. of dough for the Zepoles and funnel cakes donated by the Blue Ridge Sportsmen. Also supplied were 10 cs of soda, 5 cs of juice packs and about 600 bottles of water. The Municipal Alliance donated \$3412.00 to the event which covered the purchase of the pumpkins, the obstacle course and the 5 in 1 bounce house along with the generators and operators to run the amusements. They held their 5K Pumpkin Run prior to the start of the Harvest Festival and had a table in the parking lot for any families that wanted to participate in the Family Fun Walk that was being offered from 1:00pm to 3:00pm during the towns event. The Borough covered the petting zoo, the mechanical bull, the inflatable axe throwing, the face painters, the DJ, arts and crafts, and the food and supplies at a cost of \$6550. A new leather bracelet craft was added to the event this year. The summer camp director D. Somerville handled the table and would like to add this as a new craft idea for the 2020 summer camp program. The total cost of the event was \$9962.00.

Recreation and Travel Basketball; Registration Basketball is now open for the 2019/20 season as the watchunghoops website is now up and running.

Programs and Events Recap;

This concludes the Recreation Commissions programs and events for the 2019. The Recreation Commission now holds six town events and runs five programs as follows;

- 1.) The Egg Hunt, 2.) Community Picnic, 3.) The Movie Night, 4.) Music in the Park, 5.) The Fishing Derby 6.) The Harvest Festival.

Programs include; 1.) 7 week, full day Summer Camp program with a before and aftercare option, 2.) Travel and Recreation Basketball, 3.) Adult and Youth Spring Tennis program, 4.) Adult Men's Basketball, 5.) Adult Women's Volleyball.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/Secretary