

RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 2nd, 2021

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Meeting ID: 333 154 0373

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 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); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (A); M. Weber (P); S. Stiles (P); A. Baitel (A); F. Hayeck (P) T. Sims (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the April 14th, 2021 meetings minutes, B. Jacques second the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There was a great turn out for Operation Pride and the Spring Craft Day which were both held on Saturday May 1st. The food trucks supplied by the PTO was a nice addition to the Spring Craft event. The CERT Team was present during the events and kept a list of volunteers for contract tracing. The online registration process was helpful as we were able to accommodate families safely with the social distancing requirements that were in place. Since there was space available, we were able to allow residents to participate in the craft that had not registered ahead of time. Parents expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to enjoy a community event with their children. The total cost of the event came to \$1007.79 and allowed 60 children to participate in the craft.

The Music in the Park event is scheduled for this weekend, Saturday June 5th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Phillip's Field. The band "Lost in Place" is scheduled to play which was a big hit at last year's event since they play songs everyone is familiar with. DPW will be painting chalk circles in the grass again this year to allow residents space between families that may still have concerns about the virus. The PTO has scheduled two food trucks for the event as a fund raiser and to add options to the event for our residents to enjoy.

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COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (Continued)

The Summer Camp program is now open for registration. The program will be run at the Round Top Swim and Tennis Club in Warren. The camp will be run for a total of six weeks from Tuesday, July 6th through August 13th. The hours will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Early and late day options will not be available as the CDC recommendations are to keep students in the same groups throughout the day. Early registration is now open until June 7th for a cost of \$225. and the amount will go up to \$250. after that. There are two full time and two part time positions available for camp counselors. Desiree Somerville and Annie Burns have been asked to return as the camp director and assistant director. Both have agreed to take these positions. Eleven students have registered in the program so far. Full capacity for each week will be a total of 24 students.

Field Use;

Since some of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, the Fishing Camp COVID plan will need to be adjusted and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed dates, details and the possibility of changing the location of the Fishing Derby to Best Lake unless some of the Lilly Pads can be removed. The Commission agreed to set the date of September 18th for the event. L. Monetti mentioned that the Commission no longer has the support of the Blue Ridge Sportsmen. F. Hayeck suggested asking the Knights of Columbus, Elks or American Legion for their support.

Also discussed was a date for the Movie Night. The Commission decided on Friday, September 24th with a rain date of Saturday September 25th.

The Commission talked about running a Harvest Festival again this year. As the COVID-19 virus is still a concern with large gathering some modifications may need to be made with food options for the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

T. Sims reported that the Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 19th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Mobus Field. The rain date will be Sunday, June 20th. An on-line registration will be set up on the Borough's website for the craft. Residents will have an opportunity to design a paper quilt square. The place of the quilt display is to be determined. Students from WHRHS will speak at the event about the history of Juneteenth and a flag will be displayed at the park.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Snow Sculpture Gift Cards	\$175.00
Amazon – Spring Craft Supplies	\$874.45
Amazon – Spring Craft Supplies	\$67.41
Amazon – Microban Disinfectant, Bardy Farms Flowers	\$65.93
Somerset County Park Comm. – Therapeutic Recreation	\$1450.00
Pro Dunk Hoops – Basketball Pole Padding and Nets	\$581.98
P. Wheeler – Music in the Park band member	\$500.00
R. Labadie – Music in the Park band member	\$500.00
D. Wheeler - Music in the Park band member	\$500.00

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Reports)

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. M. Weber second the motion, all were in favor. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 1st, 2021, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary