

**RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
February 2, 2022  
(January Meeting Cancelled)**

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**  
<https://zoom.us/j/3331540373>

**Meeting ID: 333 154 0373**

**Dial In # - 1 (646) 558 – 8656**

***CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by C. Zaikov, Vice 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 ( A ); C. Zaikov ( P ); J. Pennett ( P ); M. Onuska ( P ); M. Weber ( A ); S. Stiles ( P ); A. Baitel ( P – 8pm ); F. Hayeck ( P ) T. Sims ( A )

***CONSENT AGENDA:*** C. Zaikov made a motion to approve the November 3, 2021 meeting minutes, S. Stiles second the motion. All were in favor.

***COORDINATOR'S REPORT:***

***September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Hurricane Ida Updates;***

Mobus Pavilion - Estimated costs to replace contents of the pavilion - \$2,725.55.

FEMA has recommended that the Borough replace the Mobus Playground Equipment as they mentioned it cannot be properly sanitized. The Borough is in the process of looking into replacement equipment options as well the cost of raising the existing playground area. They are also looking into adding a solid surface for the playground to establish wheelchair accessibility and include ADA equipment.

***Sunday Family Fun Day;*** On December 12, 2021 the Recreation Commission sponsored a “Sunday Family Fun Day” at the Bowlero Bowling Alley in Green Brook. Residents paid \$10.00 per person which included 2 games, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and unlimited soft drinks. Bowlero was offering a \$25.00 gift card for a return visit for each person that registered. The Borough set up an online registration process with 73 people registering for the event. The per person cost to Bowlero for the event was \$29.99 plus an attendant’s fee for the set up and break down. The total cost of the event came to \$2286.14 with the residents covering \$730.00 of the amount leaving \$1556.14 as the total cost to the Borough for the event. The Borough received 73 - \$25.00 gift card to distribute to the attendees. As only 67 people attended the event there were 6 remaining gift cards that will be used for future event contest prizes.

**WHIRMA Donation:** Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance partnered with Watchung Recreation's Pumpkin Painting and Harvest Festival event to run their 5K Pumpkin Run. As part of their Wellness Initiative, they offered to donate \$2,395.00 to cover some of the expenses of the Recreation program.

**APPOINTMENT RE-ORGANIZATION:**

Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be determined at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE;** Recreation Commission Meeting Dates  
Tentative Events & Dates

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the events, dates and budget for 2022. (See Attached)

F. Hayeck mentioned partnering with the Police, Rescue Squad and Fire Department to hold a town wide "National Night Out Against Crime". He mentioned that the event is held nationally on the first Tuesday of August, which is August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.

The following Music in the Park options were discussed. S. Stiles suggested holding a dance night for high school and college age students using a DJ and including food trucks.

F. Hayeck mentioned that the event has been mostly geared to the adults and seniors of our community when the other events are run as family events. A decision will be made at a later date.

Music in the Park Options;

Tribute Bands Available – Neil Diamond - \$1900.00  
Rod Stewart - \$1900.00  
Elton John - \$2100.00

Lost in Place - \$1500.00

Since Hurricane Ida, the Mobus playground has been closed off to residents. S. Stiles suggested putting together an ad-hoc committee that would gather information for the new equipment and help decide on replacement equipment and adding handy capped accessible structures.

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

Bowlero Green Brook - Bowling Event	\$2078.31
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Jersey Basketball League Travel Basketball	\$525.00
Darrow's Sporting Edge – Travel Basketball Uniforms	\$2613.00
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Dee Lightning & Safety, Inc. – Maintenance	\$140.00
John Griffith – Referee Reimbursement	\$600.00
Marc Leonardis – Referee Reimbursement	\$600.00
Lindaberry Farms – Hay Bales for Sleigh Riding Safety	\$150.00
Craig Zaikov -Travel Basketball Supplies	\$548.58
Craig Zaikov -- Watchung Hoops Hosting Fee Reimbursement	\$250.00
Craig Zaikov - Referee Reimbursement Youth and Travel Basketball	\$2040.00
Darrow's Sporting Edge – Youth Basketball Jerseys	\$1490.00
Michael Kleinberg – Travel Basketball Refund	\$100.00
Hina Bari - Travel Basketball Refund	\$100.00

***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 S. Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm, F. Hayeck second the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Linda Monetti*

Recreation Coordinator/  
Recording Secretary