

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

MARCH 2ND, 2022

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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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 7:40pm 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 (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); S. Stiles (P); A. Baitel (P); F. Hayeck (P) T. Sims (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Weber made a motion to approve the February 2nd, 2022 meeting minutes S. Stiles second the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

The Newsletter is expected to be going out by the end of March with the Borough events listed as well as the summer camp information. (See Attached)

Round Top Swim Club has been contacted and they are willing to work with us again this year for the Summer Camp program. D. Somerville and A. Burns agreed to run the program together as Director and Assistant Director. They will be contacting some of the staff that worked well in the past to offer them the positions available for camp counselor. The program will be available to accommodate 44 students weekly. Friday trips will be reestablished this year. Before and after care will also be offered again this year as this has been a great benefit to working parents. If inclement weather is predicted for an entire day we may take the students to a movie or bowling to break up the day.

The cost of the temporary restroom with ARF has increased from \$59.00 per month to \$153.70 per month as the borough had a contracted price and the contract expired. The increased amount is an average cost for the same service with similar companies after getting several quotes.

The I.D.E.A. Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Advancement) is planning an International Day of Families on Friday, May 13. This event will be held at Bayberry School in concert with the PTO Food Truck Friday. The Committee plans to have families volunteer to represent their country/culture at a table and give a brief lesson on language and provide a display, game and/or performance. There will be a "passport" given to the participants as a record for the day and the information learned.

They are hoping for the support of the Recreation Commission for this event as well as the Juneteenth Celebration event scheduled for June 18th.

A tentative date of April 30th was scheduled for Little League's Opening Day.

C: M+C, JB, EG - 4/14/22

APPOINTMENT RE-ORGANIZATION:

The Commission unanimously voted to have B. Jacques continue in the role as Chairman. as well as C. Zaikov continue in the role as Vice-Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE; Newsletter Save the Dates and Summer Camp information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

T. Sims mentioned that the mayor is looking to get involvement from local restaurants for the International Day.

The Commission discussed the details of the Easter Egg Hunt event. S. Stiles, A. Baitel and J. Pennett mentioned they should be available for the event.

The Commission discussed options for utilizing the Donation Fund of \$500.00. All were in favor of supporting Project Graduation.

The Commission decided to put the Music in the Park event on hold until there is a better idea of how much of the budget will be utilized for the extra events planned for the year.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Brian Morris – Supplies for Travel Basketball	\$95.95
ARF Temporary Restroom Rental	\$153.70
Warren Recreation – Rutgers Coaches Clinic	\$71.00

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

C. Zaikov reported there were three travel teams in Watchung this year, 5th, 6th and 8th grade boys and Warren Township was running all other age groups. He mentioned this was a successful year as all teams made it into the playoffs which ends the week of March 19th. Also mentioned was that Youth Basketball was run at the high school this year including junior and senior boys with six teams of 8 – 10 students per team. C. Zaikov reported that the program was self-sufficient which included the cost of referees, uniforms and a scoreboard. T. Sims showed interest in running a girl’s program next year.

J. Pennett reported that Men’s pick-up basketball is having a good turnout with about 10 – 15 participants weekly.

T. Sims reported that Women’s Volleyball has also been well attended when she has been able to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. M. Weber second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 6th, 2022, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary