

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 16TH, 2023
(Special Meeting)**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:42pm by C. Zaikov, Vice-Chairperson 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 (A); C. Zaikov (P); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (A); S. Stiles (P); A. Baitel (P); C. Dahl (P) P. Jubin (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the May 10, 2023 meeting minutes. C. Zaikov second the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: Damaris Quinones-Gray has been appointed to the position of Recreation Coordinator as of September 1, 2023. D. Quinones-Gray will take over all duties of the position including recording secretary. D. Quinones-Gray mentioned she had experience running events when working for the city of Newark. The commission welcomed her to the position.

C. Dahl reported that the commercial zero turn lawn mower which is being used for Phillip's Field and has been used for many years is now in need of a replacement. He mentioned that the Little League organization has raised the majority of the cost needed to purchase the machine but is short by about \$3,500.00. L. Monetti reported that over the years the commission has supported the organization in order to lessen the burden of their expenses as the sport was once run through recreation. She mentioned that since the borough had received over \$22,000 in donations over the years to support the departments programs and used for unexpected recreation expenses, these funds could be used to support our fields if approved. J. Pennett made a motion to approve a donation to Little League in the amount of \$3,500.00 to help fund the equipment needed to support our long-standing program. C. Zaikov 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE; 9/11, Movie Night & Fishing Derby Flyers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the upcoming events. L. Monetti mentioned that M. Buglovski will help run the fishing derby this year as he has been running a fishing camp in town for years. The event will take place at Watchung Lake.

The commission purchased a license to show the movie "Puss in Boots -The Last Wish". D. Gray mentioned that the PBA will support the event with two ice cream trucks prior to the event. The ice cream trucks will be available for free from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The movie will start at or around 7:00pm or at sunset. The commission will serve popcorn & refreshments during the movie.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:***Community Picnic;***

Gray's Florist – 10 Flower Pots for Decoration/Volunteers	\$270.00
Marino's Pizza – 45 Pies (Meeker Sharkey Donation)	\$495.00
L. Monetti – Prize Gift Cards, Ice Cream, Ice,	\$282.98
L. Monetti – Costco – Refreshments, Hot Dogs & Snacks	\$1183.50

Summer Camp;

Andre Silva – Camp Reimbursement	\$200.00
L. Ferroni – Camp Reimbursement	\$840.00
Ashley Venino – Camp Reimbursement	\$300.00
Ankur Garg – Camp Reimbursement	\$300.00
Brooklyn Press – Summer Camp Shirts	\$1500.30
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L. Monetti - Rita's Ice Cream purchase reimbursement	\$124.73
L. Monetti – Costco – Gallons of Water for Camp	\$47.45
L. Monetti – Rain Day Locations	\$1012.36
Taylor Rental – Tent Set Up/ Tent Rental	\$1760.00
J. Nemcek – Finger Printing Reimbursement	\$44.13
B. Baitel - Finger Printing Reimbursement	\$45.73
T. Lesegretain - Finger Printing Reimbursement	\$44.13
N. Baitel – Finger Printing Reimbursement	\$44.13
Sports Engine, Inc – Summer Camp Background Checks	\$102.50
D. Sommerville – Rita's Ice Cream purchase reimbursement	\$133.25
Round Top Swim & Tennis Club –	
Summer Camp Registration & Snack Shack Lunches	\$13,660.00
Barker Bus Co. - Summer Camp Rain Day Locations	\$1340.00
Barker Bus Co. – Summer Camp Friday Trips	\$3570.00
Branchburg Sports Complex – Rain Day Location	\$1100.00
Iron Peak Sports & Events – Friday Trips 6/30 & 7/28	\$2430.00
Pump it Up – Friday Trip 7/7	\$841.20
Field Station Dinosaurs – Friday Trip 7/14	\$847.50
Power House Studios – Friday Trip 7/21	\$1175.00
Urban Air – Friday Trip 8/4	\$1970.55
Amazon – Camp Binder	\$21.47
Amazon – Misc. Supplies	\$53.23
Amazon – 90's Theme Décor & Game Prizes	\$121.84

Movie Night;

Fun Services – Movie Night Screen & Projection	\$1250.00
Swank Motion Pictures – Movie License	\$450.00

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

C. Dahl reported that bridge to Phillip's Field has been repaired and that the first phase of the cleanup at the Ness property has been completed. Also mentioned was that the lease for Phillip's Field property with the Board of Education has been approved.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business S. Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, M. Onuska second the motion. All were in favor. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary