

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**September 9, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by D. Beck-Clemens, Council Liaison 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 ); D. Beck-Clemens ( P ). C. Zaikov ( P ); D. Mobus ( P ); C. Murphy ( P ); J. Pennett ( A ); M. Onuska ( P ) @ 9:00 pm; S. Mersereau ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting were motioned to be approved by D. Beck-Clemens and second by C. Murphy.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Attached

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

Boyce Associates – Swing Supplies (Chains, Wrap Over Bearing & Bolts)	\$235.00
Temporary Restroom – 5/14/14 - 6/13/14 – Phillip’s Field	\$ 75.00
Buildasign.com/L. Monetti – Mobus Field Sign	\$58.15
Buildasign.com/L. Monetti – Fishing Derby Banner	\$82.01
Signs by Tomorrow – Sign Post for Mobus Field	\$616.19
Skip Bell – Temporary repair for bleachers at Mobus Field	\$225.00
Mr. John – Temporary Restroom seasonal delivery	\$50.00
Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 6-14-14 to 7-13-14	\$75.00
Mr. John – Temporary Restroom – 7-14-14 to 8-14-14	\$75.00
Somerset Count Park Commission – Therapeutic Recreation Services	\$1,450.00
Thor Guard, Inc. – Replacement of Horn System	\$853.11
Boyce Associates – Swing Parts for Mobus Field	\$235.00
Garden State Highway Products, Inc. – Surveillance Camera Signs	
Mobus Field Pavilion & Tennis Courts	\$32.00

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

***Fishing Derby;*** The Commission discussed the details of the Fishing Derby and what was needed to run the event. D. Mobus agreed to pick up the bait and tackle, J. Pennett agreed to pick up the coffee and donuts and L. Monetti agreed to pick up juice packs, waters and trophies. K. Baumle will attend with the measuring boards, public works will be there to set up tables and the portable restroom.

***Mobus Playground Project;*** The Commission discussed the details of the playground project/bond/timeline. L. Monetti reported that the expectation is to have the new playground in place before the Harvest Festival. She reported that the administrator, Mayor and council approved the purchase of the playground with a \$14,000 discount and that the delivery should be within the next four weeks. L. Monetti mentioned that Public Works will be doing the site work prior to the installation with the guidance of T. Herits the towns' engineer. The equipment will then be installed by Kamback Brothers, LLC from Brick Township who will inspect and accept the delivery and make sure that no parts are missing from the order.

***Harvest Festival;*** The Commission discussed food options for the Harvest Festival. It was decided to include Hot Dogs with sauerkraut, popcorn, cotton candy, apples, hot chocolate, candy and cookies. The Police will provide hot apple cider and the Blue Ridge Sportsman offered to make Zepoles at the event. The event will start at 2:00 pm this year and run until 5:00 pm which is an hour more than past years.

***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:***

Recreation Basketball  
Boys Traveling Basketball  
Somerset County Activities  
Volleyball

Special Events  
Girls Traveling Basketball  
Adult Basketball  
Tennis

***Basketball;*** C. Murphy mentioned that he will be raising the annual fees for basketball registrations for 2014/15. He reported that registrations will start in the beginning of October. D. Mobus mentioned the possibility of hiring a hall monitor for unsupervised children. The Commission discussed the issue of siblings that are dropped off by parents to watch the game and end up playing in the hallway unsupervised. C. Murphy reported that it was too difficult to coach a game and monitor the hallway and he thought it might be a good idea to hire a parent or college student to keep the hallway clear and children safe during the games that Watchung Recreation runs at our schools.

***CORRESPONDENCE:***

Print of Mobus Field Sign  
3D Print of Mobus Playground Equipment  
Breakdown of Costs for the Playground Project  
Operating Budget

***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. L. Monetti informed the Commission of the alternate member position available and the two residents that have expressed their interest in becoming a member, Mary Ann Weber and Diana Canellis. The Commission will invite both to a future meeting to see which one would work best as a Recreation Commission member.
2. The Commission discussed the tennis program which is being run by Joli Tormey. The program will start for adults on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 21 for children. The program was offered to Watchung residents first and will now be offered to surrounding towns in order to fill the program.
3. L. Monetti mentioned the operating budget and the inclusion of the donations in that budget. The Commission has made donations yearly to help support these programs in order to help these leagues keep costs down for our residents. The Little League was mentioned in particular and that they have incurred all costs of the program including the maintenance of Phillip's Field and all purchases including and not limited to the cost of the bleachers, tables, batting cages and ball machines. C. Zaikov who is on the Little League board expressed the need to replace the decking around the Snack Shack. L. Monetti said she would look into the possibility of making a donation to Little League but needed to go over the operating budget to see what amount could be donated to the League.

***ADJOURNMENT***

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted



By Linda Monetti

**WATCHUNG RECREATION**  
**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**September 9, 2014**

1. Bob Burns the Public Works manager informed me of the deteriorated sign at Mobus Park. The sign is made of metal with a wood frame which was held up by a carved wooden pole. The sign was donated to the Borough by Barbara Diem in memory of her husband Fred. Mrs. Diem who expressed the desire to purchase another sign to replace it. A sign has been purchased as well as a sign post that was purchased with the recreation budget.
2. Surveillance cameras are now in place at Mobus Field. Cameras have been placed on the roof of the pavilion covering the tennis courts, playground, and basketball courts as well as the inside of the Pavilion. Two signs will be placed noticing the residents that the property is protected by surveillance cameras.
3. Repairs have been made to the swings at Mobus Field replacing the worn chains, baby swings and the wrap over mechanism that prevents a swing from being swung over the top bar. The swings and benches will be removed during the playground area preparations and replaced by the same company that will install the new equipment.
4. The playground equipment has been ordered and the area preparations will be completed by Public Works with the supervision of Tom Herits. The equipment was purchased from Game Time a Playcore state contracted company and will be accepted, inspected, delivered and installed by Kamback Bros., LLC from Brick Township. The original quote of \$62,304.00 for two structures was discounted allowing the Borough to purchase two similar structures, a Maypole, a balance beam, a tree like climbing structure, a spinning leaf and a bike rack for under \$49,000. With installation and the cost of the site preparations we should be around the \$80,000. This is the amount the commission had originally estimated for the job.
5. A fall tennis program is now in place for 4 yr. olds to 14 yr. olds. This program will be run on Sundays. The program has been offered to Watchung residents first and then to Warren, Green Brook and Long Hill students if there are any vacancies in the program. An adult program is in place as well for Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30am.
6. The details of the fishing derby are as follows; the event will start at 9:00 am. The Mayor will call the start of the event. Public Works will set up two tables, one for trophies and the measuring tool as well as the tally sheet to keep track of the fish caught and registered residents. The other table will be for the food items, coffee and juice packs. Unfortunately the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen Hunting Club will not be available for our event. They did however agree to bring Zeppoles to our Harvest Festival.
7. Jeffrey Isaacs has completed his Eagle Scout project. His project consisted of painting the two closets inside the Mobus Pavilion as well as organizing the contents in each. Jeff made a sign for the pavilion and three plaques numbering the tennis courts. Also part of his project was to put together the three tennis court benches purchased with grant funds. Jeff did a nice job painting and organizing as well as creating some really nice signs. A thank you for his efforts will be sent from the Commission once I receive his report.