

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 2, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman 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 (P); C. Zaikov (P); D. Mobus (P) @ 8:30 pm; C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (P) M. Weber (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: C. Murphy made a motion to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes, M. Weber 2nd the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer Application; Debbie Devine
Survey Questions for Website
Newsletter Advertisement
Yankee Game Flyer
US Sports Flyer

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission welcomed Debbie Devine a candidate for alternate member. She explained that she had been a corporate event planner and added that she would be interested in helping out at our Easter Egg Hunt event scheduled for March 19th. The Commission felt that D. Devine would be a wonderful addition to the Commission. B. Jacques made a motion to recommend D. Devine as an alternate member to the Mayor and Council. C. Murphy second the motion. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Yankee game trip. L. Monetti mentioned that DeCamp Bus Lines was contacted and that they were booked for June 24 and did not have any busses available at this time. B. Jacques offered to contact Flyte Tyme Bus Charters. L. Monetti offered to contact several other bus companies to compare prices. The Commission discussed offering waters and juice packs as well as some snack items for the ride. All were in favor.

The Commission discussed the details of the Easter Egg Hunt. L. Monetti mentioned the Lions Club will help out at the event and would like a table. Also discussed was the details of the cost of the event and the donation from the Lions Club.

The Community Picnic was discussed. L. Monetti mentioned using Costco this year instead BJ's as they have offered to bring a Magician to the event as well as offered to supply 10 cases of waters. Mentioned were all the vendors that have offered to participate such as Great Clips, Shop Rite, US Sports, as well as the monetary donations from Weldon and Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen. L. Monetti mentioned using Fun Services again this year and that a DJ was hired that is more like a show. She mentioned R. Diem will run the tracker ride. Also mentioned was contacting Rolf's, Home Depot and Texas Roadhouse to participate at our event.

L. Monetti reported that the PTO has welcomed the idea of holding the Movie Night event together with the Ice Cream Social. The event is scheduled for September 9th. The same vendor that supplied the movie for the Borough last year was contacted and available to supply the Borough with the projection, sound and movie. The Commission discussed showing the movie Zootopia which is out in theatres now and should be available on DVD by this summer.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities
Volleyball

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball
Tennis

C. Murphy reported that travel basketball is doing well and that recreation basketball is now over.

C. Zaikov reported that the Basketball Showcase is scheduled for March 12th. He mentioned that some parents should be honored for their time and commitment as they put in a lot of time for the sport.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

L. Monetti – Oriental Trading Easter Hunt Supplies	\$57.83
Ayers Distributing – Candy Filled Eggs	\$278.00
Rock Bottom Sound – DJ for Easter Egg Hunt	\$250.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, C. Murphy second the motion, all were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

March 2, 2016

Tennis; Programs are now in place that will start on April 10th and run through May 15th for ages 4 to 14 year olds. Classes will be held on Sundays and Tuesdays. Also available are adult classes which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Easter Egg Hunt; Jessica Rutishauser the Borough's Deputy Treasurer has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny at the event. A mascot costume has been purchased this year as last year's mascot cost the Borough \$300.00 and the costume was only \$115.00. This way we can use it yearly. The Lion's Club donated \$500.00 for the event this year, last year they donated \$1000.00. We purchased 2000 candy and toy filled eggs from Ayer's Distributing for a total cost of \$278.00. Rock Bottom Sound will provide the music and run the games at a cost of \$250.00. We will purchase waters and juice packs from Costco as that is where we will have an account this year instead of BJ's. Prizes have been purchased for games and I will purchase six \$10.00 gift cards to give out for golden eggs. We will also run a contest for the best decorated wagon, stroller or bike. The total cost of the event should be approx. \$800.00 vs. the cost of last years event of \$1192.00. This years event will be run at Phillip's Field as it will give us more areas to hide eggs and easier to separate the age groups.

Hick's Temporary Restrooms; Scheduled for a seasonal delivery for March 16th.

Little League Opening Day; Scheduled for April 9th.

Yankee Trip; Tickets for the June 24th, Minnesota Twins game are in the process of being purchased for \$50.00 each. Details will be put on the website and sent through the schools as well as put on our facebook page and sent out through our resident email. DeCamp Bus Lines has been contacted but are completely booked for June 24th so I will need to contact another company. I will contact Warren and Green Brook to get recommendations for reputable companies. Tickets will be available for purchase through the Pay Pal account that has not yet been set up. The cost of the tickets will be offered for \$65.00 per person and will be non-refundable.

Community Picnic; Letters to request donations have been sent out for the event. To date US Sports, Great Clips, Caldwell Banker, Tiger Schulmann's, Warren Blue Ridge Sportsman, Med Express, Costco, Shop Rite and Weldon have all offered donations and/or offered to participate at the event. Fun Services will supply amusements. Presley and Melody will be the DJ for the event. This couple will be more of an interactive show that is different than a regular DJ. They supply props and prizes with a concert like experience. Ralph Diem will supply tractor rides for the event and I am hoping to include the boy scouts again with the expansion bridge and the girl scouts to help out at the sand art table. Med Express offered to run the cotton candy machine and I have ordered a nacho machine to change up what we offer for food items. I have not yet heard from Buffalo Wild Wing but they did express their desire to be at the event after serving at our Harvest Festival event. Also contacted was Home Depot to see if they have any volunteers that would be interested in running a craft table.

Movie Night Event; The Watchung P.T.O. has agreed to run the movie night event with Watchung Recreation in conjunction with their Ice Cream Social. The event will be held on the Friday, September 9th, 2016. The P.T.O is able to get the movie license for \$200.00 which saves the Borough \$125.00. Last year the Borough paid \$350.00 for the same license. The Warren/Westfield LLC will be contacted again to handled the projection/screen and sound as they did for last year's Borough event.

Yearly Event Up-Dates for Watchung;

Easter Egg Hunt – March 19th Phillip's Field (Rain Date March 20th)

Community Picnic – May 21st (Rain Date May 22nd) Noon – 3:00 pm

Movie Night – September 9th, 2016

Fishing Derby – September 17th (Rain Date September 18th) 9 am – Noon

Harvest Festival – October 29th (Rain Date October 30th) 2:00 pm – 5 pm

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator