

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Sept. 7, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by C. Zaikvo, Vice-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 ( A ); C. Zaikov ( P ); D. Mobus ( P );  
J. Pennett ( A ); M. Onuska ( P ) M. Weber ( P ) D. Devine ( P )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** M. Weber made a motion to approve the June 1, 2016 minutes, D. Devine 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** See Attached

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fall Tennis Program Information  
US Sports Fall Program Information  
Movie Night Flyer  
Fishing Derby Flyer  
Rutger's SAFETY Clinic Information  
Lacrosse Clinic Information  
Watchung Hills Wrestling Flyer

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Otto Hartman attended the meeting as a possible candidate for an alternate member. The Commission felt that O. Hartman was a good fit for the position and all were in favor of making a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to appoint him to the Recreation Commission as alternate member.

**REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: No Report**

Recreation Basketball  
Boys Traveling Basketball  
Somerset County Activities  
Volleyball

Special Events  
Girls Traveling Basketball  
Adult Basketball  
Tennis

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

The Commission discussed the Yankee game trip that was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. L. Monetti reported that only 34 tickets were sold out of 50. D. Mobus suggested making each commission member responsible in the future to sell a portion of the tickets to help with sales. M. Onuska suggested opening up the ticket purchase to surrounding towns as soon as the tickets become available instead of waiting for Watchung to make purchases first in hopes to sell all the tickets. M. Weber reported that the seats at the game were great and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.

The Commission discussed the summer camp programs. L. Monetti reported that 62 Watchung residents were enrolled in the Warren summer camp programs. She also mentioned that Mr. B's programs have run for several years now and that they were very successful. She reported that he had added several camps this summer, running sports programs for 6 weeks of the summer. M. Onuska suggested asking Mr. B if he would be interested in running camps for the Borough at Mobus Field that were not specific to sports and more like what was run in the past. L. Monetti mentioned the cost of running the summer camp programs in the past were quite significant and with Mr. B running programs the Borough sees a profit and does not incur any costs. She also mentioned that Recreation offered two new programs at Mobus Field this summer and that they were not sports related but were unsuccessful and did not run as there was not enough interest in the programs.

L. Monetti reported that the Fire Department will be at the Movie Night event to light up the area afterward the event so people can make their way safely to their cars.

Details of the Harvest Festival were mentioned. L. Monetti reported that Buffalo Wild Wings and Texas Roadhouse will be at the event this year. M. Weber mentioned that Rolf's will most likely not be at the event as they have had changes in employees lately and Tim Preston who offered to come to this year's event is no longer working there.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

L. Monetti reported that the tennis and basketball courts both had tiny holes in the surface that have developed over the last year. The holes have never been noticed before. She mentioned Halecon, who just repaired and resurfaced the basketball courts mentioned that small pieces of wood were pulled out of the holes that may have been imbedded into the surface and when it rained they probably swelled and popped out creating these small holes. This was the only explanation given for this issue. Also discussed was the Mobus pavilion floor. L. Monetti mentioned that she was waiting for one more quote for the work before they can move forward with the job. D. Mobus mentioned a contractor named Ravcon and that he will asked them if they would send in a bid for the work.

D. Mobus suggested running a free "Concert in the Park" event using a Doo Wop Band called the "Cameo's". Dave mentioned that this group does free concerts and would be interested in having one in Watchung. The Commission discuss the possibility of having an event sometime in the spring and having the event at Phillip's once the new deck was complete.

***VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:***

L. Monetti – Misc. Community Picnic Expenses	\$154.05
L. Monetti – Mileage Special Events Seminar	\$20.41
DeCamp Bus Service Yankee Stadium	\$1038.00
Hick's Septic – Temporary Restroom 6/15/16 – 7/15/16	\$65.00
Hick's Septic – Temporary Restroom 7/15/16 – 8/15/16	\$65.00
Hick's Septic – Temporary Restroom 8/15/16 – 9/15/16	\$65.00
W.B. Mason – 2 Cases Toilet Tissue Mobus Restroom	\$113.40
Somerset County Park Comm. – Therapeutic Services	\$1450.00
Halecon, Inc. – Tennis Court Post Repair	\$400.00
Warren Township – Rutgers Coaches Clinic	\$25.00

*Movie Night Event;*

L. Monetti – Movie Night Banner	\$50.98
Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. – Movie License	\$375.00
Fun Services – Movie Screen Projection and Sound	\$775.00
Fun Services – Popcorn Machine Rental	\$75.00

*Fishing Derby;*

D & M Trophies	\$180.00
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*Harvest Festival;*

Swift Farms – Hay Bales & Pumpkins	\$940.00
Entertainment with Sophistication – DJ Services	\$395.00
Mandu the Magician	\$450.00

***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business D. Mobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm, M. Onuska second the motion, all were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 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**

**September 7, 2016**

**Yankee Trip;** The Recreation Commission was able to sell 34 tickets out of 50 purchased, collecting a total of \$2215.00 for the trip. The total cost for the bus and tickets came to \$3548.00 and so the total cost to the Borough ended up to be \$1333.00. The intension was to have residents cover most of the cost and have the Borough cover a small portion of the expense. Due to the timing of the event being the High School graduation was the same week, we were not able to sell all tickets. If all the tickets were sold the cost to the Borough would have been \$298.00.

**Summer Camp Programs;**

Mr. B's Fishing Camp was a success as the students caught a 10 lb. cat fish and an eel along with many Sunnies. Mr. B mentioned that there were plenty of fish caught and that the Borough would not have to add fish to the lake for the fishing derby. Mr. B ran 6 weeks of programs through the summer months giving 100 students summer camp opportunities. With the \$15. pp field use fee the Borough collected \$1500. for these programs. Programs were available for each week of the summer but unfortunately both the "Minds in Motion" camp program, geared to students that were not sport minded and the US Sports program had to be cancelled due to low enrollment. Mr. B's camp programs however were all filled. Also Warren Township reported that they had 62 Watchung residents enrolled in their camps. A camp was available in Watchung for each week of the summer.

**Field Use Permits;**

1. Watchung Hills Soccer for Blackadar Field from 9/14 to 11/10/16 for Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:15pm to 7:45pm.
2. US Sports fall programs 9/22 – 11/3 Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
3. WHYBA for a softball game on 9/11/16 – 10:00am to 1:00pm at Grant
4. Buffalo Wild Wings 5K Race for the Boys and Girls Club 10/30/16 around the Watchung Lake.
5. Blackadar Reunion, 9/11/16 from 11:00am – 6:00pm at Mobus
6. Chai Center for Jewish Life – Gazebo on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:0pm – 5:30pm
7. Municipal Alliance Run – Around Watchung Lake Path, November 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 11:00am.
8. History Day – Village Green Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Movie Night Event;** Plans are set for the PTO Ice Cream Social to start a 6:30pm. Fun Services will supply the Borough with the projection screen and sound. The Recreation Commission will need to purchase the movie. "Zootopia" a popular movie that came out in spring 2016 will be played in Blue Ray. Originally we had planned to purchase a popcorn machine as we offer popcorn at three events per year but we will wait to see if the rented machine from Fun Service is the size that would work best before making the purchase and find the best storage options for the unit according to the size of machine we choose.

**Fishing Derby;** Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen has offered to attend the event supplying tackle and prizes as well as helping the children bait their hooks. Buffalo Wild Wings will be attending and will give out gift certificates as prizes and offered to donate the waters. Also Karl Baumle offered to help measure the fish again this year. The event will start at 9:00am and prize give-a-ways will start at 11:30am.

**Women's Volleyball Program;** The Adult Volleyball program will start on Sept. 26, 2016 and run through June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and will be held at Valley View School.

**Men's Adult Pick-Up Basketball;** The Basketball program will be held at Bayberry School on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and will start on Oct. 7, 2016 and run through June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Tennis Program;** The Fall Tennis program will be run from Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays and Sundays for youth thru adult and held at the Mobus courts. Program times and registration forms are on our website.

**Harvest Festival;** The event will be held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm thru 5:00pm. So far scheduled is Seashore Amusements, Mandu the Magician, Ralph Diem will run the tractor ride, Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen will bring Funnel Cakes and fried Oreos, Swift Farms will supply the hay and pumpkins. Buffalo Wild Wings and Texas Roadhouse are also scheduled to attend.