

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 2, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 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 (A); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (P);
M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); D. Devine (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting were motioned to be approved by M. Onuska and seconded by M. Weber

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kids Night Out – Sunburst Gymnastic (Teen Event Option)
Letter of Support for TAP Grant
Proposals for Drainage Project at Mobus
Proposals for Deck project at Phillip's
Harvest Festival Event Notes & Expenses

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the 2016 - 2018 Capital Budget. L. Monetti mentioned the basketball courts have been resurfaced and the Mobus pavilion floor has now been replaced. Also listed as part of the Capital Budget is the decking around the snack shack at Phillip's Field. D. Mobus mentioned that the decking project had been approved and that he would like to see the work done before Little Leagues Opening Day. L. Monetti mentioned that a field modification form needs to be in place with the approval of the BOE before the work can be done. D. Mobus mentioned that he would also like to see the ball field fence repaired at Mobus and the fields better maintained.

L. Monetti mentioned that approximately \$2000 remains in the Operating Budget. The Commission discussed running another trip to a play or Devil's game including bus transportation. The Commission decided to look into these options. M. Onuska offered to contact a representative for group Devil tickets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Harvest Festival. M. Weber suggested changing the event times from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm to 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm as it was mentioned that the temperature can become quite cold when the sun starts to go down. B. Jacques agreed the temperature can be an issue. J. Pennett made a motion to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to change the event to 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. M. Weber 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

After the Commission posted a recreation survey and some residents requested running some teen programs the Commission discussed several options for teen programs. Some options discussed were to run a Teen Night Out at Sunburst Gymnastics in Union. A program is already established there. The cost would be approximately \$35 per student. Bussing from Mobus to the gym was also discussed. M. Onuska suggested running a Bowling Night although supervision was a concern. No final decision was made. M. Onuska mentioned he would look into dates the gym was available for a teen program.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Reports)

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

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Harvest Festival;

L. Monetti – Popcorn & Bags	\$69.87
Sand Art Containers (Oriental Trading)	\$74.91
Costco (Non-perishables) Home Depot (Coolers)	\$369.65
Gift Cards/Duncan Donuts/Party City/Mileage	\$111.39
M. Onuska – 12 Cases of Water	\$69.88
Melanie Kubilus – Face Painting	\$275.00
Bardy Farms – Corn Stalks, Mums and Gourds	\$129.90
Costco – Food for event (Perishables)	\$386.17

Basketball;

E. Korb – DeBizness, LLC – Watchunhoops.com Set Up	\$200.00
League Athletics – Website Hosting Fee	\$450.00
C. Zaikov – Misc. Supplies for BB Program	\$478.41

Hick’s Septic – Oct. 15 – Nov. 15, 2016	\$65.00
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Capital Budget;

P & R Concrete Corp. – Mobus Pavilion Floor	\$8,300.00
S.E.Rose Trucking – Mobus Field Drainage	\$15,800.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, M. Weber seconded the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 7th, 2016, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

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Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
November 2, 2016

The *Harvest Festival* was a big success as it was very well attended. Thanks to all the help from the Commission, Deb Joren, George Sopko, the Blue Ridge Sportsmen among others including but not limited to the DPW, the event ran very smooth with the amount of people that came out which was estimated to be over 500 people. Seashore Amusements supplied the amusements along with a popcorn and cotton candy machine. Unfortunately we did have issues with both machines this year. The cotton candy machine was very loud and the popcorn machine broke twice during the event but we were able to fix it and continue to offer the popcorn. Ralph Diem operated the hay ride again for us this year, Swift Farms supplied the pumpkins and hay bales and the boy scouts built an expansion bridge for the children to climb across. Buffalo Wild Wings offered three flavors of boneless wings which was a big hit and they brought two corn hole games for the residents to play. Blue Ridge Sportsmen made Funnel Cakes and fried Oreos and supplied the event with donuts from a local bakery. The library supplied the paint and ran the pumpkin painting table. The music was supplied by Entertainment with Sophistication. We had a face painter and offered sand art again this year. The magician was not able to supply the certificate of insurance listing the Borough as additionally insured so he did not attend the event. Taekwondo Academy was at the event and taught residents the art of breaking boards. They also did some brick breaking demonstrations that was fascinating. Sue Tucker represented the 9/11 Committee and had a table of T shirts for sale to raise funds for the 9/11 memorial. The PBA offered hot apple cider but only went through about three gallons as it was a warm day and residents went for the cold drinks. The total cost of the event was \$4828.23.

Mr. B's Holiday Sports Camp; Mr. B ran 2 programs so far this school year with 23 Students enrolled in the Oct. 4th camp and 25 students were enrolled in the Oct. 12th camp. The profit for Watchung Recreation for these two programs was \$720.00.

The Fall Tennis Program ended Oct. 16th. Eleven students were enrolled in the program. At \$15.00 per person the Borough received \$165.00 for program fees.

Basketball registration is in progress online at www.watchunghoops.com. Many students have submitted registrations.

Drainage project at Mobus should be done sometime this fall. Public Works and Building and Grounds will coordinating the project with the contractor S. E. Rose Trucking & Excavating Inc. Cost estimate is \$15,800.

Temporary Restroom; The Borough used to use Mr. John for this service for \$75.00 per month but changed to using Hick's Septic for a cost of \$65.00 per month saving the Borough \$100.00 per year. Recently we were sent a proposal from Royal Flush for \$47.88 per month. That would save the Borough an additional \$171.20 per year, so we will switch companies in 2017 to take advantage of the savings.

Transportation Alternatives Program Grant; Kelsie Howard from Maser the Borough's engineering firm is applying for a grant, on behalf of the Borough, to fund bike lanes and a sidewalk connecting the school to the parks and the library. I have submitted a letter of support of the project as Recreation Coordinator.

Youth Services Commission; The YS Commission continues to ask for the support of the Recreation Commission if needed with any programs that they may put into place in the future. There is now \$1986.62 of YS funds available to run a program or programs for at risk student. The YS Commission will be looking into the different options available and will be looking for a location to run these programs.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator