

Agenda
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**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 3, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:37 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); J. Pennett (P); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting were approved by M. Onuska, seconded by C. Zaikov. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Summer Camp Registrations to Date
Community Picnic Donation and Volunteers
Green Brook Hockey Club Family Night Flyer

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the Summer Camp enrollment. L. Monetti reported that 39 students are presently registered in the camp with 7 Brook Hill members and that all registrations were children from Watchung.

The Commission discussed advertising borough events in the Watchung Living Magazine. L. Monetti mentioned that the magazine rep. offered to run all recreation events in the paper for a monthly fee of \$125.00 if we were to run an ad every month throughout the year. The commission agreed that the expense was not cost effective as ads were only needed for 5 months of the year.

The Commission discussed running a Patriots Game trip. C. Zaikov reported that Little League was running a fund raising trip on June 2nd to the Patriots game with a \$20.00 per ticket cost. B. Jacques suggested running a Yankee Game trip in August, L. Monetti mentioned she would look into ticket costs and game dates. M. Onuska suggested partnering with the PTO to run a Devil's game trip.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the details of the Community Picnic event. See Coordinator's report. Also L. Monetti mentioned that the BBQ grill is not functioning properly and that she will talk to Home Depot about obtaining another grill donation.

The Commission discussed purchases for the Summer Camp program. Purchases and trips were reported in the Coordinator's report, attached.

Details of the Easter Egg Hunt event were discussed. B. Jacques mentioned that the area used for the 2 thru 5 year old children was not big enough to accommodate the very large crowd of children and adults with strollers that lined up to enter the Ost Field area. Bill suggested using the open field for that age group next year as the parents wanted to stay with their young children throughout the egg hunt portion of the event. M. Weber and B. Jacques suggested purchasing 5000 eggs for next year's event as they tried to keep a bag of 500 eggs aside for those children that came in late but then decided there was not enough eggs on Ost Field and so they used those eggs and ended up needing more for the children that came in late. D. Mobus felt that the amount of hot chocolate, coffee, waters and Munchkins were enough to go around for everyone at the event.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

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

D. Mobus reported that the Open Space Committee and the Recreation Commission voted to use concept C for the restoration of the Ness Property.

C. Zaikov reported that Little League combined 5th and 6th grade boy's teams with Warren. He also mentioned that they had 5 Majors teams and that T-Ball was run with coach pitching and consisted of Watchung residents only.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

ARF Rental Service – Temporary Restroom	\$61.78
L. Monetti – Prizes and Sand Art Supplies for Community Picnic	\$135.63

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business B. Jacques adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
May 3, 2017

Easter Egg Hunt; The event held on April 8th was well attended. With 4000 eggs purchased this year over the 2000 purchased last year which did not seem to be enough. The 4000 eggs seems to have been the perfect amount for future events as everyone was able to find eggs. The largest group of children were in the 5 and under category which should be moved next year from Ost Field to the largest field as parents must stay with their children at that age and many parents had strollers. Twelve golden eggs were used this year for the event. The 12 prize eggs were distributed between the three age groups and the winners seemed excited to receive what was available. Karen Pennett was able to stand in as the Easter Bunny as our original bunny mascot volunteer was ill that day. Two boxes of Joe, two boxes of hot chocolate, 4 cases of mini waters, 3 cases of juice pack and three boxes of Munchkins were all consumed by the end of the 1 ½ hour event. The total cost of the event came to \$1432.02 and with the \$750.00 donation from the Lions Club and the \$150.00 personal donation from Mike Finne the event cost the Borough a total of \$532.02.

Summer Camp Program; Registration is now open to Warren, Green Brook and Long Hill Township. 39 Watchung residents have register so far. The \$25.00 early discount is no longer in effect so weeks are now being offered at \$250.00 per camper. A program director has now been hired and she will plan the daily schedule, interview potential counselors and put together a supply list. A weekly average of 18 campers are registered so far and there is room for more campers in each week. Several calls have been coming in from Warren residents asking about the details of the camp and mentioned they are interested in registering their children. So far no out of town residents have registered.

Field Requests; Mobus Field has been reserved for a birthday party on June 17th. Also the United Soccer Academy has requested Mobus Field for a summer camp program that will run the week of August 7th thru August 11th from 9am to 4:00pm for ages 5 – 14.

Recreation Shed; M. Weber and I cleaned out and reorganized the Recreation shed behind the Exempt Hall. Shelves will now be designated for each sport or Community organization that has items that are being stored there. Some items are no longer needed and will be donated like the bucket of soft balls and a box of hockey sticks and balls used for the girls field hockey program. An itemized list is now on file with the contents listed and some of which we can use for the Summer Camp program like a Watchung Summer Camp metal sign and white board, 3 basketballs, 2 paddle boards and 2 soccer balls. An 18' x 20' canopy tent that was purchased for town events could possibly be used for the Summer Camp program if addition pop up tents were purchased as well. New tennis court wind screen and nets are also in the shed.

Community Picnic; Plans are set for all the activities of the picnic event. Fun Services will be supplying all the amusements, cotton candy machine, pretzels and warmer, the balloon artist, face painter, Italian Ice cart, game trailer and the DJ. The donations received for the event to date total \$2700.00. Other donations have been promised and are expected from several other businesses. Water and Wine donated two \$50.00 gift cards for the restaurant that we can use for adult prizes. 64 small prizes were purchased for games that the DJ will play with the children. A game truck was ordered after a \$500.00 donation from the Vitamin Shop and will hold 6 games and 500 small prizes. Caldwell Banker has agreed to serve the Italian Ice, Texas Roadhouse has offered to serve pulled pork sandwiches, sweet rolls and cinnamon butter as well as bring their Amarillo mascot. Shop Rite will bring 300 bags of chips to give out at their table. The girl scouts will run the sand art table, Meeker Sharkey donated the pizza and will be at the event to serve. Med Express donated the cotton candy and will run the table. Wilson Memorial donated the popcorn and will have a table on the field. Watchung Pediatrics will have a table and donated the balloon artist, Great Clips will have a table and donated the face painter. Stop and Shop offered to send a \$150.00 donation and help out at the hot dog stand. Organizations attending consist of the 9/11 Committee, the library, the Art Center and Weichert Realty who is donating the pretzels. Ralph Diem offered to run the hay ride and Gray Florist has offered to supply the event with a large basket of assorted fruit. Also the PBA will be at the event and supply the lemonade.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator