

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

September 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by L. Monetti, coordinator 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 (A); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (A);
M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); C. Taylor (P); M. Candiloros (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved by M. Onuska, seconded by M. Weber. All were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oath of Office; Carolyn Taylor & Marianne Candiloros
Summer Camp Registration List
Summer Camp Expense Record
Movie Night Flyer
Fishing Derby Flyer

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Reports)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The commission discussed the Movie Night Event scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8th. M. Weber offered to run the popcorn machine and C. Taylor offered to help with the beverages. L. Monetti mentioned that Karen and John Pennett will also be there to help with the event. Also mentioned was that DPW was scheduled to take care of the garbage and the PD offered to supply a spotlight for the end of the event to help residents get to their cars safely.

The commission discussed the Fishing Derby event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th. L. Monetti mentioned that the Blue Ridge Sportsman will bring prizes and measure the fish this year and Ron Jacobson from NJ Fish and Wildlife will participate by bringing the truck and supplying the event with 50 catfish.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The commission discussed the summer camp enrollment, trips, staff & purchases. M. Onuska mentioned that as reported by Warren Township, their camp enrollment of Watchung residents was 60 in 2016. He stated that since our camp enrollment of Watchung residents was 64, our Summer Camp program accommodated all those students. Suggested activities for next year's camp program was made by M. Onuska to bring in a dance instructor to teach Hip Hop and by C. Taylor adding swim and tennis lessons as part of the camp itinerary. D. Mobus mentioned there was a good ratio of counselors to students and that the staff seemed to work very well together.

L. Monetti mentioned that Don Monetti had completed the plans for the deck at Phillip's Field and that we are now waiting for the approvals from T. Herits and E. Bennett before the plans can be sent out for bids on the project.

The commission discussed the parking issues when using Phillip's Field, for our events, as only one car can exit or enter the bridge at one time causing backups in the parking lot and on Brookdale Road. C. Taylor mentioned that the house adjacent to Phillip's Field parking lot was for sale. She suggested that property could be used for additional parking if the house was to be removed and it conformed to zoning and had enough available impervious coverage.

D. Mobus mentioned that we should continue to look at options to mitigate the geese issues.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Summer Camp Program;

Marino's – Wednesday, Pizza Day	\$324.00
L. Monetti – Crafts - Oriental Trading & Discount School Supplies	\$605.29
Misc. Supplies, Ice, Snacks, Wristbands	\$195.00
Mileage Reimbursement (Deliveries to camp/supplies)	\$24.93
Pop Corn/Bags & Boxes Movie Night & Harvest Festival	\$106.58
The Brooklyn Press – Summer Camp T-Shirts	\$1023.08
The Brooklyn Press – Summer Camp T-Shirts	\$216.59
Signs By Tomorrow – Summer Camp Banner	\$120.00
Land of Make Believe – Camp Trip	\$271.00
Liberty Science Center – Camp Trip	\$238.00
Oasis Family Farm – Camp Trip	\$393.00
Diamond Gymnastics – Camp Trip	\$384.00
Turtle Back Zoo – Camp Trip	\$361.00
Aramark – Catered Lunch at Turtle Back Zoo	\$285.60
Bounce Factory – Camp Trip	\$480.00
Sky Zone – Camp Trip	\$647.00
Somerset Patriots – Camp Trip	\$455.00
Woodbridge Community Center – Rain Day Trip (Skate Park) 7/24/17	\$168.00
Woodbridge Community Center – Rain Day Trip (Skate Park) 8/15/17	\$315.50
Desiree Sommerville – Reimbursements;	
Oasis Farm Lunch, Lowes Movie, Popcorn, Science Ct. Parking	\$344.28
Skyzone Balance, Tip for Pizza delivery	\$218.00
Craft Supplies	\$212.52
Rain Day Bowling, Ice Cream afternoon snacks	\$278.40
Patriots Game – Ice Cream & waters	\$195.69
Crayola Factory – 8/18/17	\$245.43

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Sept. 6, 2017

Summer Camp; The summer camp turned out to be a great option for our residents as 64 Watchung families took advantage of our program. A total of 69 children were enrolled, 2 from Gillette, 2 from Green Brook and 1 child from Warren. Three of the children were enrolled in the aftercare program 6 out of 8 weeks. One child was enrolled in the morning care program for one of the weeks. Seven children were Brook Hill members and took advantage of the member discount. The camp used the rain location at Sunburst Gym 3 times and took 6 addition trips due to inclement weather where they went to a either a movie, roller blading or bowling. The last day of the camp ended up to be a rainy day so the director made arrangements to go to the Crayola Crayon Factory in Pa. as it was more cost effective then going to the gym and adding a trip. All scheduled trips went as planned except for one that had to be changed to a Wednesday because of the weather. As Brook Hill requested, trips were planned for Friday's which worked out well as it gave the children something to look forward to all week. Dealman Bus Company was able to accommodate us for all the trips including the rain days. The tent worked out to be a good solution as a shelter for the camp. Although we had some issues with the tent at the start of camp, like the ground flooding and water flowing in thru the entrance DPW was able to rectify those issues by putting down plastic and tarps and digging a trench at the entrance with stones to redirect the flow of water. The tent allowed the camp to stay at BH during a passing shower and the children enjoyed playing games and working on crafts in there during those times. As we he funds available we were able to supply the children with ice cream and have an end of the summer camp picnic, including hot dogs and a couple of large inflatables with a water slide and a slip and slide from Fun Services as well as a magician/balloon artist. Parents were very happy with what we offered and mentioned that they will be enrolling their children in our program again next year. Brook Hill was very cooperative and accommodating to our needs and I am confident that they would agree to allow us to run the camp at their facility again next year. See attached for expense totals.

Movie Night; The event is set for Friday night, 9/8/17 and will be held at Phillip's Field. The PTO will start their portion of the event at 6:30pm with ice cream and all the fixings for sundaes. This will be a free event for all Watchung residents. The movie will start at 8:00pm and the Rec Commission will serve popcorn, waters and juice packs. We will be showing the movie "The Secret Life of Pets". Fun Services will supply the screen, sound and projection. I have purchased the movie in Blu-Ray and digital HD so that it will be the best quality possible. Fun Services has purchased a larger screen than the one used last year so they will supply us with that for the same price of \$775.00. The movie license and poster cost was \$392.50. We had enough waters left over from the picnic but needed to purchase juice pack and popcorn. It looks like the weather will cooperate this year with 75 degrees and clear skies.

Fishing Derby; The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16th with a rain date of Sept., 17th. The commission will purchase coffee, Munchkins and juice packs for the event. Buffalo Wild Wing has offered to supply the event with waters and \$10.00 gift cards as prizes. Members of the Blue Ridge Sportsmen will help us out again with bait and prizes and they will measure the fish this year for the event. NJ Fish and Wildlife offered to come to the event with Catfish and a truck to educate the children about the different types of fish they might catch in our lake. The fishing portion of the event will start at 9:00am and end at 11:30am when trophies will be announced with prizes. D & M Trophies from North Plainfield will supply the event with 18 trophies, 6 for each age group in 3 different sizes. All trophies will now read, Gerald M. Mobus Memorial Fishing Derby "WINNER", instead of listing the age group and Largest Fish, Smallest Fish etc. Extra trophies were ordered in case of a tie.

Harvest Festival; Reserved for the event to date are the following; Fun Services will supply the DJ/Game Host, climbing wall with slide, game truck, moon walk, balloon artist/magician, face painter, cotton candy machine and pretzels with warmer. Also Swift Farms will supply the pumpkins and hay stacks. Ralph Diem will bring his tractor again for the hay rides. Joe Nappe and the Blue Ridge Sportsmen will make fried oreos. Accurate Archery will supply the event with some teen activities which was a request from residents from our survey. They will bring Hover Ball an archery game and Kick Darts. We will need volunteers for the cotton candy, popcorn, pretzel machine and sand art. The Stop and Shop manager has again offered to help out at our event and he mentioned making another donation of food for our event but was not specific.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator