

**RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 3, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 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 ( P ); M. Onuska ( P ); M. Weber ( P ); C. Taylor ( A ); M. Candiloros ( A )

**CONSENT AGENDA:** M. Onuska made a motion to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes. C. Zaikov second the motion. All were in favor.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** See Attached

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

List of Program Liaisons  
Capital Budget

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the dates and locations for the "Kids Night Out" program. C. Zaikov suggested offering the program to be run at the Sky Zone Trampoline Park as that is now popular with the students in that age group. L. Monetti suggested Sunburst Gymnastics' as the students enjoyed the activities there during last year's "Kids Night Out" program. The Commission discussed offering pizza during the program. M. Weber offered to chaperone the event if she was available. The Commission decided to run the program on the following dates; March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> and if those programs are well attended run another program on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Commission decided to make the program available to 40 students. M. Onuska mentioned he would have staff available at Sunburst Gymnastics to supervise the students once they arrive at the facility. M. Weber mentioned that only one bus chaperone should be necessary for the Sunburst Gym trip as staff if available to supervise the students once they arrive. L. Monetti mentioned that two chaperones may be necessary for the "Sky Zone" trip as the facility does not supply supervision to groups.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

*Summer Camp;*

The Commission discussed running the Summer Camp program again this year. M. Onuska mentioned that the program had good reviews on social media. As the program was well received and at minimal cost to the Borough, J. Pennett made a motion to recommend running the Summer Camp program again this year to the Mayor and Council. M. Weber second the motion. All were in favor.

L. Monetti mentioned that D. Somerville had put together a list of trip suggestions for this year's Summer Camp program. She mentioned that some of the trips worked out better than others during last year program and so she wanted to make some suggestions that she would be more comfortable with when bringing a large group.

D. Mobus mentioned that the tent floor needed to be addressed before the camp program started. L. Monetti reported that she found several types of rubber floor coverings but the cost would be considerable and the material that is available is more appropriate to be used on a smooth surface like a garage floor as it sold in interlocking pieces. She mentioned that the tent area did need leveling and that Brook Hill would allow the Borough to put a French drain around the perimeter of the tent as well as put down a layer of mulch or dirt for that purpose. L. Monetti mentioned that if the area was leveled and a French drain was added the Borough could use the tarps, plastic sheeting and carpets purchased last year for the tent.

*Parks;*

D. Mobus mentioned that there is a new crack in the basketball courts at Mobus that needs to be repaired. As the courts were repaired and repainted last year he suggested contacting the same contractor.

L. Monetti reported that the deck plans for Phillip's Field were complete and that she is waiting for bids from several local contractors for the project.

*Capital Budget;*

The Commission discussed the Capital Budget. M. Onuska suggested adding the cleanup at Camp Endeavor and including a walking, jogging or bike trail with picnic tables. Also mentioned was to use the area for a future Eagle project. M. Weber suggested using the park on the left of Best Lake for a dog park. She reported that she has witnessed people using the tennis courts to allow their dogs to run the fenced area as there is no other available place for residents to allow their dogs to run free unless they have a fenced yard.

***REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: No Reports***

Recreation Basketball  
Boys Traveling Basketball  
Somerset County Activities

Special Events  
Girls Traveling Basketball  
Adult Basketball

Volleyball  
Tennis

***VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:***

*Devil's Game Trip;*

M. Onuska – 33 Game Tickets average cost of \$76.26	\$2516.87
M. Onuska – 6 Devil's Game Tickets @ \$86.85	\$521.10
DeCamp Bus Lines Service	\$725.00

*Youth Basketball;*

The Brooklyn Press – Game Jersey's	\$1726.06
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***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business D. Mobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. J. Pennett second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Linda Monetti*

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Rec Coordinator/Secretary