

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**February 15, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, by Terry Finnegan, Chairman, at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, Dawn Higgins, Jamie Prendergast and Park Director Adam Payne. Absent were Erin Czarnecki, Candy DeFillippis, Joe Kresser and Angela Wallace.

**Review of Past Minutes**

A motion was made by Rick Feldman to approve the minutes from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, seconded by Dawn Higgins. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

An anonymous letter was read by Terry Finnegan from a concerned parent in regards to an incident that occurred at a hockey game at Taylor Street School. Due to this incident, a 2½ hour coaches meeting took place and Terry gave each player a code of conduct handout. A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins, to pay referees (if we can find them) \$15 per game. Motion passed. Terry will look into getting referees. Adam Payne is also available to referee the games at Taylor Street School.

**Open Public Session**

No members of the public were at this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick Feldman requested a 4% increase to our expenditures and a 4% increase to our salary budget back in December. If the full-time Park Director position is approved, Rick asked for \$65,000.

**Park Director's Report**

Adam Payne spoke to the Borough Manager and a work order has been done to finish the pavilion. Adam is in the process of setting up accounts for the upcoming season. Two people are interested in working on the park's garbage area, but no bids have been submitted yet. The swings are all down except for the first one. An ad has been prepared for seasonal maintenance workers. It was noticed that the Road Department did not shovel the snow near Route 31.

**Commissioner Reports**

**Street Hockey**

New equipment has been received from the Devils. The shirts were distributed to all players and coaches. Pictures were taken on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

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### **New Business**

#### **Pool**

We need to advertise the pool in Hunterdon County. It's been determined that most of the revenue goes to pool maintenance. We need to manage the labor costs better. Bob Miller still has more work to do on the storm water drain. Job descriptions are needed for all pool personnel to emphasize responsibilities, especially for Supervisors. We need to give the personnel a place to "hang" during their breaks. Adam will come up with recommendations for a break area for the staff and also find out what it will take to staff the pool. Rick will order six tables.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Sign-Up and Fee Schedule**

Joe Kresser will get the information needed for Men's Basketball. Since we don't have a contact person for soccer, it's been suggested that we send a letter approximately three weeks before soccer sign-ups to see if any parents are interested in being the contact person.

#### **Swim Team Sign-Ups**

Erin Czarnecki and Joe Kresser will be at Swim Team Sign-Ups on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Terry Finnegan and Jamie Prendergast will be at Sign-Ups on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss who will cover March 4<sup>th</sup> Sign-Ups at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### **Green Acres Loan Application**

The Recreation Commission feels we didn't get the proper directive from Council. Council was very disrespectful when the Railroad Avenue plan was presented at their February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We got in trouble for things we didn't do, but were never asked to do. At the meeting, we were asked for a business plan and funding outside tax dollars, yet we cannot go to companies asking for money without first having the proper approvals. Council then went off track and talked about the pool renovations. The Recreation Commission was told we were irresponsible with no knowledge of how this plan would affect the taxpayers. This should be the job of the Borough Manager, not the Recreation Commission. We will continue to move forward with the grant. Councilman Andrew Turner said he will do anything he can to help us. Our next step is to have a business plan prepared by Jeff Bottger and we will make a list of potential private donors.

### **Executive Session**

An Executive Session was not necessary at this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff