

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Grandstand at Washington Borough Park at 7:00 p.m.

Opening 7:03 p.m.

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Statement of Adequate Notice

- Dan Almind read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Roll Call

- Present: Dan Almind, Sean Farrington, Craig Geller, Spencer Nicholson, Christine Rodriguez. Also present: Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

Audience Participation

- Christine Rodriguez moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
- No audience members participated.
- Christine Rodriguez moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Craig Geller moved to accept the minutes from the 3/11/2020 meeting. Seconded by Christine Rodriguez. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain:1. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Covid 19 requirements – Susan distributed copies of the NJ Dept of Health Guidelines for Outdoor Sports Programs, a parent liability waiver and a third party facility/field usage liability waiver created by the Borough’s Risk Management team which had been sent to commissioners electronically to preview. The parent liability waiver will be required with all program registrations. The third party facility/field usage liability waiver requires one person representing the third party to sign for all its members, participants, spectators, volunteers, etc. All programs will need at least one adult to remind people of the safe practices requirements and enforce them if necessary. A Sports Program Plan needs to be created that outlines everything the commission will do to follow all of the state requirements. Bathrooms and/or Portajohns need to be monitored and cleaned regularly. Common surfaces will need to be cleaned regularly. We will need to purchase a thermometer and each coach, participant, volunteer, parent, and spectator will have their temperature taken before a practice or game. Discussion took place about how to handle questioning participants/parents/ coaches about symptoms, travel, exposure at each practice or game. Signs, portable hand sanitizer stations and wipes need to be purchased.
Soccer – Susan will send the waivers to Wayne Egerer, find out if he will run the program, and ask if he thinks parents will sign up their children. We probably have enough balls for each child to use one. Each ball will be numbered and marked as Recreation property.
Basketball – The court will remain closed for now. Susan will ask the Risk Management team their opinion on opening it as a “play at your own risk” area. Hand sanitizer units may be installed at the gate. Mike Scott, MAS Basketball gym, has re-opened his gym. Sean and Craig will talk with him about a summer clinic.
Pavilion – Susan has received two requests for Pavilion rentals. The person renting the pavilion will have to sign the third party liability waiver and provide their own hand sanitizer and/or wipes.
Baseball – The clay needs to be spread, signs and hand sanitizer stations set up. Adam Robinson is interested in using the field in mid-July into August. Susan will send him the waivers to review.

Karate – Susan will contact Paul Kilduff and find out if he wants to run a summer session on the ballfield.

Zumba – Susan will contact Carly Sopko and Eilise Ryan and find out if they want to hold Zumba classes on the ballfield.

5K – Since runners have to gather closely at the starting line and may not be wearing masks, we do not plan on holding the race.

Tennis Clinic – No Clinic will be held this summer. The High School courts remain closed and the Head Coach does not want to do the clinic while the virus is still prevalent.

Old Business:

- Oxford Youth Association (OYA) – Dan will contact OYA and see if they want to collaborate on a program, possibly karate.
- Sponsor sign/banner – All qualifying businesses who donated in 2019 will be on the banner through 2021.

Communications:

- No communications.

Recreation Secretary's Report

- The DPW will do weeding and re-distribute mulch in the park before it opens on July 2.

Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — (all commissioners) –No report.
- 5k – (commission) –discussed in New Business.
- Youth Soccer – (Spencer Nicholson) discussed in New Business.
- Street Hockey – (Spencer Nicholson) – No report.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) –discussed in New Business.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Craig Geller) –discussed in New Business.
- Girls Softball – (Craig Coughlan) –No report.
- Karate – (Sean Farrington) –discussed in New Business.
- Swim Lessons (Dan Almind) – No report.
- Pool – (Craig Coughlan) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Christine Rodriguez) - discussed in New Business.
- Zumba – discussed in New Business

Executive Session (If Necessary)

- No Executive Session.

Facebook page

- No report.

Recap

- No recap requested.

Commissioner Comments

- Sean Farrington will discuss a summer or fall Golf clinic with Harker's Hollow.
- Sean asked Susan to tell DPW about groundhogs at the Boro Park ballfield.

Adjournment

- Spencer Nicholson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

Adjourn **7:55 PM**