

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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 7:00 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 Coughlan, Craig Geller, Spencer Nicholson. Also present: Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

Audience Participation

- Craig Geller moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
- Wayne Egerer of Warren United Soccer spoke. The Soccer league held a meeting. The league fee for each team is increasing from \$30 to \$50 and referee fees are increasing by \$10. We will probably field two teams. The league wants the number of games for the season reported by July 15. Wayne does not know if there will be a penalty if the reported number is too high or too low. Practices will start in mid-August. The Soccer League’s Covid-19 guidelines require parents to take children’s temperatures before practices and/or games, limit parents/spectators to one per child who will stay in their car until the start of a game, and that parents/spectators wear masks or face coverings. Wayne said Warren United can run the soccer program as a third party. They would handle all registrations, coaches and scheduling and would pay Recreation field usage fees. Spencer Nicholson moved to have Warren United run the soccer program. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1. Motion passed. Wayne will discuss with Susan field schedules, lining the field and setting up and taking down the soccer goals. Wayne is willing to hold practices/games at Vara field early in the season if baseball and soccer schedules conflict. Dan will post Warren United Soccer on the Recreation Facebook page.
- Mike Scott, MAS Basketball Training Gym spoke. He can hold a Li'l Hoopsters Summer Clinic Monday and Wednesday evenings from August 3 – August 26 with two sessions each night. There will be 8 half hour classes in each session and 15 children per session; Session 1 for Kindergarten and 1st Graders, Session 2 for 1st and 2nd Graders. He will take children entering Kindergarten and 3rd Grade. We will offer an Early Bird registration of \$80 through July 23. The regular \$90 fee will be charged after July 23. Proceeds will be split evenly between MAS Basketball and the Recreation Commission. Mike and Sean will talk with Rossi Chevrolet about sponsorship. Susan gave Mike copies of the parent Covid-19 Liability waiver and the 3rd party Covid-19 Liability waiver. Each parent must return the signed waiver before their child can participate and Mike will need to sign and return the 3rd party waiver.
- Spencer Nicholson moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Craig Geller moved to accept the minutes from the 6/24/2020 meeting. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Basketball Courts – Susan had emailed the commission information about crack fillers and court resurfacing material. The commissioners will look at the basketball court to try to determine the amounts needed. Susan suggested investigating grant opportunities for repairing and resurfacing the court.

Old Business:

- Covid-19 restrictions – Program Plan – Susan spoke with Borough Manager Matt Hall and he is waiting to hear from a vendor about portable hand sanitizer stations. The Borough has a non-contact infrared thermometer the Rec Commission can use. It was suggested it be secured to the shelving in the coaches' closet. It was agreed that using a disinfectant spray for hard surfaces would be better than wipes and will reduce garbage in the Grandstand area. The commission needs to write up a plan as per the State regulations. Since Warren United will run the soccer program it will be their responsibility for that program (as per the 3rd party agreement). Susan is arranging for two portable toilets to be delivered to the park. Dan Almind suggested contacting United Site Services to find out about purchasing a permanent one.
- Boro Park ballfield clay -
- Oxford Youth Association (OYA) – No new information
- Sponsor sign/banner –No new information.

Communications:

- No communications.

Recreation Secretary's Report

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Sports Programs

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

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.

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Adjournment

- Spencer Nicholson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
Adjourn **8:20 PM**