

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of February 6, 2013 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at the Warren Township Library, 42 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ.

In attendance were Michael Angelini, David Cole, Joe Filo, Mary Ellen Florey, Gary Miller, Dave Pasi, Cynthia Webster, Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann, and Township Liaison Mick Marion. Absent: Mark Claxton, Irene Ferguson-DiPietro and Township Liaison Carolann Garafola.

Open Public Meeting Statement - Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Courier News, and Echoes Sentinel as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Flag Salute

Gary Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 5, 2012, and January 9, 2013, and Dave Cole 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Commission member Mark Claxton is requesting a leave of absence for six months. Commissioners have agreed to his request. Mr. Claxton's appointment will be reviewed at the August 7, 2013 meeting.

Adjustments and review of committee appointments.

Discussion and selection of candidates for volunteer of the year nominations. Presentation to be held at the March 14th TC meeting. Commission members agreed that a plaque and collared shirt would be given to each recipient. Gary Miller motioned to approve the adult volunteer nominations and Mary Ellen Florey 2nd, with all in favor. Gary Miller motioned to approve the youth volunteer nominations and Dave Cole 2nd, with all in favor.

5 Year Plan discussion took place regarding the updating of the municipal complex pavilion This facility would be used by the recreation for summer camp, concerts, movies and much more. The commission will continue to explore the necessary options for this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report - Chair: Cynthia Webster

Trust starting balance Jan. 1, 2013- **\$71,449.52**

Trust balance YTD: As of Jan. 23 - **\$67,444.08**

Donations YTD = as of Feb. 6 - **0**

Trust Expenditures: As of Jan 23, 2013 - **\$5,985.94**

O/E – \$15,000 - ½ budget **YTD Expended** as of Jan. 1 – nothing spent

General Fund Deposit – YTD as of Jan. 1 = 0 (Field & pavilion usage fees)

Rec/Sport – Liaisons - Dave Cole & Dave Pasi – Rutgers Safety Course March 6, Court Bldg.

Strategic Plan and Initiative Implementation – Chair: Dave Cole; Dave Pasi

By-Laws, Policy & Procedure Committee – Chair: Mary Ellen Florey; Irene DiPietro

Park/Passive Recreation – Co-Chairs: Joe Filo (trails); Dave Pasi (parks)

Community/Cultural Affairs – Chair: Irene DiPietro; Michael Angelini, Joe Filo

Public Relations/Marketing – Chair: Cynthia Webster, Michael Angelini

Fundraising – Chair: Michael Angelini; Joe Filo

Personnel – Chair: Dave Cole, Cynthia Webster

Directors Report

Just completed:

- 5th Yuletide Bonfire Winter Festival – over 1000 people attended. Thank you to Mike, Irene and Dave Pasi for working all night. Six commissioners need to volunteer for next year.
- Feb. 1- free concert – Barbara Harris & the Toys w/ Bob Marino/Barbra Lawson at WHRHS 8pm
 - \$600 in donations received that night will support the Valerie Fund

Now running:

- Men's Basketball
- Coed Volleyball
- HS Rec Intramural Basketball – finished end of March

Projects in the works –

ADA walking path Phase I and II
Renovating Tennis courts (already approved 2012)
Teen mural at tennis courts
Spring and summer events
Contacting Green Brook and Watchung
Info on turf blankets and a maintenance plan for Duderstadt 1

Coming up:

- NJRPA conference March 3-6; I will be attending 4, 5. Gary Miller will be attending 5th.
- I will be on vacation March 11-15- any question contact Linda Palumbo ext. 271.
- Next event: April 6 – Easter Egg Hunt and Wagon Parade

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Somerset County is doing clean-up work from Super Storm Sandy. They will be mulching some trails. Maintenance of Duderstadt field will include placement of a field blanket. Township Committee liaison Mick Marion agreed that the township dictates when and how the fields are used. This field in particular needs to be brought up to par for the soccer and lacrosse teams.

Committeeman Marion also thank the Recreation Commission members for all their above and beyond efforts with respect to the Yuletide event.

Preparation for a concert at WHRHS PAC on July 19, 2013, are underway, featuring Larry Chance & the Earls, Shirley Alston Reeves and Bob Marino.

ADJOURNMENT 8:05 PM next meeting, Wednesday, March 6th, 7 pm - Warren Library

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary