

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of January 13, 2016 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance were, David Cole, Joe Filo, Mary Ellen Florey, Gary Miller, Dave Pasi and Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann, Township Liaison Mick Marion (8:00 – 8:30). Absent: Michael Angelini, Irene DiPietro, Gina Rosenfarb and Cynthia Webster

Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann read the following statement:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann asked for a nomination for Recreation Chairperson. Gary Miller nominated Dave Cole. Dave Pasi seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Eleanora Hermann relinquished the chair to Dave Cole.

Chairperson Dave Cole asked for a nomination for Vice Chairperson. Mary Ellen Florey nominated Gary Miller. Dave Pasi seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Cole asked for a nomination for Secretary. Dave Pasi nominated Michael Angelini. Gary Miller seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Cole asked for a nomination for Treasurer. Dave Cole nominated Dave Pasi. Gary Miller seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Pasi motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 2, 2015, and Mary Ellen Florey 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Assignment of new committee appointments – Commission reviewed & agreed with appointments. Committee Chairs will have a phone meeting in February and report their intentions for the year at the March Recreation meeting. Commission chair should prepare a brief report for review at monthly meetings.

Reviewed the 2016 programs and events calendar.

Discussed and reviewed the bonfire schedule and assigns. Bonfire January 16, 4-7 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report - Chair: Dave Pasi

Trust Bal YTD: As of Dec. 28, 2015 - \$127, 305.85

Donations/scholarships YTD: 2015 - \$10,800

Trust Expenditures YTD as of Nov. 2015 - \$76,692.12

O/E Budget \$28,850 YTD Exp as of Dec 18, 2015 - \$28,221.11

General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees) \$9,695

Budget – Chair: Dave Pasi, Dave Cole

Rec/Sport Liaison - Dave Pasi

Strategic Plan and Initiative Implementation – Chair: Mary Ellen Florey; Irene DiPietro

By-Laws, Policy & Procedure Committee – Chair: Michael Angelini; Gina Rosenfarb

Park/Passive Recreation – Chair: Joe Filo; Gary Miller

Community/Cultural Affairs – Chair: Gina Rosenfarb; Joe Filo

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

Fundraising – Chair: Cynthia Webster; Irene DiPietro

Personnel – Chair: Gary Miller; Dave Cole

SKI TRIP REPORT

Blue Mountain Ski Resort - January 24; 37 registered (includes Recreation chaperones Gina & Dave C.), 10 are non-residents, 27 individuals taking the bus. As of now, out-of-pocket cost is \$337.

Openings still available for late registrants. There will be a sign up booth at the Bonfire.

DISCUSSION

Sport Forum/Volunteer Awards – To be held on March 3.

Invitation to include all township sport boards and their volunteer of the year recipient. Meetings starts and 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Twelve (12) people from each sport group will be invited.

Dave Pasi motioned to approve Sport Forum/Volunteer Awards dinner and Mary Ellen Florey second, with all in favor.

Volunteer of the year finalist will receive a plaque and t-shirt at the March 2 Recreation meeting.

Rutgers Clinic – March 14, dates to be determined for August and November. There is a concern regarding minimum age to attend clinic without a parent, as it seems students can get preoccupied. Also, parents/adult coaches not activity supervising student coaches. Recreation Director will address concerns with basketball program director.

BONFIRE UPDATE

- Arrive - 2:30 p.m. meet at the volunteer table by the batting cage
- Park by the snack shack
- If canceled, notification by email by 11 a.m.

CREATION OF NONPROFIT FOUNDATION – WARREN TOWNSHIP RECREATION FOUNDATION INC.

Reviewed proposed bylaws and amendments. Dave Cole motioned to accept the proposed bylaws for the Recreation Foundation with revisions and Mary Ellen Florey 2nd with all in favor. Final revised bylaws with be given to Administrator in preparation for Gina Rosenfarb to present to the Township Committee at their next meeting.

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Letters to Santa –received 300+ letters; 34 volunteers. Lions Club and Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen’s Club each helped one family.
- Registration for Jan. 24 Ski Trip – 37 attending, 27 taking bus. Lost \$337

Now running:

- Men’s basketball and coed volleyball
- HS Intramural Basketball – 180 (20 less than last year)
- Working with a girl scout gold award project to redo trails booklet and tri fold for Dealaman Trail
- Girl Scout troop silver award making a booklet for Stranski Trail
- Weekly *newsletter*

Coming up:

Projects in the works –

- Planning for Winter Festival & Bonfire Jan 16
 - **New this year:** Banner over the road, Olaf, Somerset Patriots Mascot, Juggling/stilt walking entertainer, hot apple cider and entertainment is different.
 - **Donations:** \$5,500 (2015-\$5,400)
 - **Budget:** \$8,455 (2015-\$10,671)

- Sports compliance on going – spring field usage next
- Will know about State grant for bridges at Hofheimer Trail end of Jan
- Phase II municipal complex upgrade playground area – will get a plan by March meeting
- Quote requests for Tennis lessons and camps for 2016
- Working on planning Summer camps and events and what goes with that

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM next meeting, Wednesday, March 2nd, 7 pm - Warren Court Room

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary