

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of March 2, 2016 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:05 pm on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance were David Cole, Joe Filo, Gary Miller, Dave Pasi, Gina Rosenfarb, Cynthia Webster, Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann, Township Liaisons Carolann Garafola and Mick Marion. Absent Michael Angelini, Irene DiPietro, and Mary Ellen Florey.

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 January 13, 2016 and Gina Rosenfarb 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

The Recreation "2015 Volunteers of the Year" awards were presented to the Jim DeVizio, Captain of Washington Valley Fire House and Jr. Volunteers Madison Barkow and Sydney Barkow.

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chair: Dave Pasi

Trust starting balance: As of Jan. 1 - \$118,874.22

Donations/scholarships YTD: \$5,250

Trust Expenditures as of Jan. 29 - \$8654.47

O/E Budget (\$10,000) until passed Expenses as of Jan.29 - \$2,956

General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees) \$1,250

Treasurer Report - Chair: Dave Pasi

Community/Cultural Affairs – Chair: Gina Rosenfarb

- Ski Trip – 37 attended, 30 took the bus. After expenses, \$232 balance remains for 2017 ski trip. Suggest only allow people going on the bus.
- Non-Profit Foundation - Gina presented to the Township Committee, they in turned accepted and was forward to the Township Attorney for review. Gina met with Township Attorney and additional matters need to be resolved.
- Warren Got Talent is set for July. Same format as last year.

Municipal Alliance/ Youth Services Committee Liaison Cindy Webster

- Municipal Alliance meeting – They are focusing on alcohol abuse this year. Recreation may be able to work with them and PBA on Teen Fest for financial support by allowing them to add the drug and alcohol message to the program. The D.A.R.E. program is run by the Warren Police Department.
- Municipal Youth Services Commission – Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of month. 1st meeting for 2016 will take place in March. Youth Services is in need of high school and middle school student members.

Park/Passive Recreation – Chair: Joe Filo (trails) – Trails committee met on February 26 and discussed the following:

- Establishing a mowing schedule for Codington and Glenhurst.
- Glenhurst Trail damage due to cable replacement work by JCPL. There are deep ruts in the trails. Commission suggests writing to JCPL to complete repair work. Recommend not working in trail area when conditions are not acceptable, like after a big storm.
- Habitat management at Glenhurst needs to be addressed.
- Discussed tying Wagner and Glenhurst trails.
- Possibly DPW summer help can manage the trail maintenance.

DISCUSSION

Wagner Farm Butterfly Festival Invitation – The Commission received an invitation to participate in the Butterfly Festival and Garden show on May 21. Due to a conflict with National Trails Day, the commission will have to decline.

Volunteer pins - Each year residents and mostly teens, volunteer for our camps or events, volunteering +/-100 hours of their time. Recreation Director suggests instead of Jr. Volunteer of the year, create a volunteer club whereas, pins can be handed out that show how many hours were volunteered each year: 25 hour club; 50 hour club; 75 hour club and 100 hour club. More kids would be recognized this way. Dave Cole motioned to approve the volunteer pins and Gary Miller second, with all in favor.

Unpermitted field use has been noticed. Township Committee member Mick Marion request that a snow fence be place at the Pop Warner grass field along with signage in English/Spanish starting unpermitted use. Police will need to patrol area for weekend use. Summons will be issued for noncompliance.

Mick Marion stated that East County Reserve will begin 2nd phase of development, which includes a dog park, gazebo, sun/shade structure and connecting bridge.

CALENDAR DATES CONFIRMED – VOLUNTEERS ASSIGNED

- Sport forum - March 3, 6 pm meeting; 7pm dinner.
- Rutgers Clinic – March 14- Dave Cole and Eleanor Herman will present.
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 9; 11am-3pm
- Fishing Derby – May 14; 9am-3pm

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Just completed:

- Ski trip
- BONFIRE:
 - Total Expenses \$9,027.06
 - Thank you notes went out for support and help.
 - Over 2000 attended
 - Spoke of comments and suggestions, which will be discussed at the planning meeting in July.
 - Event hours 4-7 PM
- High School Basketball

Now running:

- Men's basketball and coed volleyball
- 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*
- Collecting applications for CIT and summer staff

Coming up:

Projects in the works –

- World Tennis Day Clinic March 21
- Tennis lessons April 4
- Easter Egg Hunt April 9
- Camp registrations begin April 11
- Jr. Field Hockey Clinic April 24
- Planning for spring and summer programs and events
- Sports compliance on going – spring and summer field usage next
- Phase II municipal complex upgrade playground area – middle playground removed

ADJOURNMENT 8:17PM next meeting, Wednesday, April 6th, 7 pm - Warren Court Room

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary