

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of August 7, 2013 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at the Warren Township Library, 42 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ.

In attendance were David Cole, Irene DiPietro (left 8:15), Joe Filo, Mary Ellen Florey, Gary Miller, Dave Pasi, Township Liaison Mick Marion (left 7:50), and Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann. Absent: Michael Angelini, Mark Claxton, Cynthia Webster 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 regular meeting minutes from July 3, 2013 and Irene DiPietro 2nd, with all others in favor.

Privilege of the Floor – Parker Shannon, a township resident and parent to a 9 year old, presented to the commission his conception of a little league baseball program. He feels that WBSI, a traveling baseball league within the township, is missing something that a “little league” program can achieve. The program would be an 8 week program running from April – June, geared towards 9-12 year old boys and girls, with playoffs, no travel. This program would be insured by little league and follow little league charter. The program would be open to Warren residents. Commission members took note of Mr. Shannon’s ideas and suggested communicating with Watchung about joining their program, as there already is a baseball program in town and the commission does not get involved with these types of organizations. The Commission will correspond with WBSI to try to get a better understanding, as Mr. Shannon is looking for advice.

CHAIRPERSONS COMMENTS – Dave Cole

5 Year Plan needs review.

Commissioners are asked to review Recreations many programs and events to consider their effectiveness and determine if cutting back is an option. Presently, there are too many programs and events for the Recreation Department director & her part time office assistant to handle. Eleanora will provide an account of all programs for review.

Plan to review 2014 budget at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report - Chair: Cynthia Webster

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

Trust balance YTD: As of July 31 - **\$86,679.52**

Donations YTD = as of April 26 – 2,450

Trust Expenditures: As of July 31, 2013 - **\$57,419.97**

O/E – \$23,674.85 - ½ budget **YTD Expended** as of July 31 – \$14,535.82

General Fund Deposit – YTD as of July 31 = (Field & pavilion usage fees) \$2,500

Rec/Sport – Liaisons - Dave Pasi – July Rutgers Safety class was successful; next class possibly November. It is helpful to have two instructors at the class.

Strategic Plan and Initiative Implementation – Chair: Gary Miller; Dave Pasi – 5 year plan meeting date to be established. Suggestions needed for future 5 year plan.

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

Park/Passive Recreation – Co-Chairs: Joe Filo (trails); Dave Pasi (parks) – Gary Miller gave an update on the Glenhurst Kiosk Eagle scout project. The kiosk is installed, will be painted and panels installed as per

agreement; at this time a roof will not be installed due to roof load, although, other roof options may be considered.

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

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

Fundraising – Chair: Michael Angelina; Joe Filo

Personnel – Chair: Dave Cole, Cynthia Webster

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Doo Wop & Car Cruise – sold 636 – 61 given away to radio stations – see report sold \$11,327.10 tickets.
- July Tennis Camp
- Teen Travel Camp
- Summer Playground Camp
- July 22 - Volunteers from Goldman Sachs will be cleaning playground, pavilion and picnic tables
- Rutgers Coaches SAFETY Clinic set for July 22

Now running:

- Rescheduled Michael Craig Band to Aug 2 Campout
- Movie Night Aug. 2
- 2 Legos Camps
- Kindergarten Camp
- Discount tickets for parks sold in office

Projects in the works –

ADA walking path Phase I and II-(starting Aug. 12)

Renovating Tennis courts; needs to be painted

Teen mural at tennis courts – design will be presented to Township Committee

Tennis registration for fall

New weekly newsletter now moved to Constant Contact – register online

Coming up:

- Men's Basketball
- Coed Volleyball
- Fall Tennis sessions
- Movie night at Wagner Farm Aug. 21

NOTE:

- **Need to set up a meeting with the Strategic Planning committee for 5 yr plan**
- **Senior Picnic Wednesday, September 11th.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED: Eleanora thanked Mike Angelini, Dave Pasi and Bob Marino who worked diligently at the Doo Wop & Car Cruise event.

Family campout had 22 overnight families plus additional families who did not spend the night. Green Brook Girl Scouts are considering sponsoring next year's family campout.

ADJOURNMENT 8:43 PM next meeting, Wednesday, September 18th, 7 pm - Warren Library

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary