

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of October 7, 2015 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:02 pm on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 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, Gina Rosenfarb, Cynthia Webster (arrived 7:40) and Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann, Bruce Vitale. Absent: Michael Angelini and Irene DiPietro.

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

Chairman Dave Cole presented Bruce Vitale with the 2015 Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award. Mr. Vitale thanked the commission and stated that he enjoys volunteering. Mr. Vitale expressed that the pond needs attention.

Gary Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 5, 2015 and Mary Ellen Florey 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Bonfire meeting concludes after Rec meeting.

Budget meeting scheduled for October 22, 2015 – Dave Cole, Dave Pasi, Eleanora Hermann.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Reviewed 2015 budget.

Next events are Letters to Santa and Winter Festival volunteer online:

- www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/santa
- www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/bonfire

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report – Chair: Dave Pasi

Trust starting balance Jan.1, 2015 - \$67,388.42

Trust balance YTD: As of Aug. 31 - \$103,113.43

Donations/scholarships YTD = as of July 31- \$9,950

Concessions YTD =

Trust Expenditures: As of June 30 - \$71,936.44

O/E – \$26,850 YTD Expended as of June 31 – \$13,687.29

General Fund Deposit – YTD as of May 29 = (Field & pavilion usage fees) \$9,695

Community/Cultural Affairs – Chair: Irene DiPietro; Mike Angelini; Joe Filo – committee & E. Hermann met August 27, and discussed proposed planning for 2016. Decided to continue focus on the Bonfire, Easter Egg Hunt/parade & fishing derby, which are three successful events held in Warren.

Due to poor attendance - elimination of paid summer concerts & movie nights.

New ideas to consider – Warren Annual Family day – held at Camp Riverbend. Commission liked this idea although, a similar event is held through the schools. Gina will check with Central PTO to see if this event still takes place.

Warren's Night Out – Police/ Recreation partnership for residents to interact with local law enforcement. Police Department would sponsor the event, commission would help. This is a national event held on the 1st Tuesday in August.

Fitness for Life Day – held at Lifetime Fitness, Berkeley Heights. Commission was not in favor, as the club would also be open to all members on any given day.

Mary Ellen Florey stated that the senior picnic was not well attended.

Fundraising – Chair: Gina Rosenfarb - Gina visited businesses and recreation dept sent out letters.

Ski trip update - Gina secured a bus company, finalized cost for lift ticket and bus. Bus seats 50 people. Date not finalized, will review wrestling and basketball schedules to avoid conflict. Recreation will send out a survey to see the interest. Commission voted to have one ski trip in Jan.

Directors Report

Just completed:

Finished Kindergarten camp, Legos camp and movie night
Presented Volunteer of the year awards at August Township Committee meeting
Rutgers Coaches Clinic
Summer reports

Now running:

Tennis lessons
Men's basketball and coed volleyball
Registration for High School Intramural basketball
Working with a Girl Scout gold award project to redo trails booklet and tri fold for Dealaman Trail
Working with a Girl Scout troop to add geocaches in town
Weekly newsletter
Planning for Winter Festival & bonfire (looking for donations)
Budget

Coming up:

Projects in the works –
Rutgers Coaches Clinic scheduled for Nov. 10 - Dave Cole
Sports compliance on going – fall field usage
Trails Day in Oct. – Joe Filo running it rescheduled to Oct. 24
Letters to Santa starting November
Acquiring quotes for the outdoor basketball backboard because it was found shattered.
Planning the parking lot below pavilion and phase II walking path at municipal complex (on hold)

ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM next meeting, Wednesday, November 4th, 7 pm - Warren Court Room
December 2, bonfire meeting.

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary