

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of March 1, 2017 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:05 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance: Dave Cole, Linda Devine, Mary Ellen Florey, Gina Rosenfarb, Norm Zurawski, Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt and Township Committee Liaison Carolann Garafola . Absent: Michael Angelini William Bartnick, Joe Filo & Cynthia Webster.

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 the 2016 volunteer of the year awards to the following: teens with 50 hours or more of volunteer work; volunteer of the year Sal DiBianca and group volunteer of the year award to Warren Township PBA #235. All provide a tremendous amount of time, donations and monetary support.

Mary Ellen Florey motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 11, 2017, and Norm Zurawski 2nd, with all others in favor.

New member Linda Devine was sworn in.

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT-2016/17

Trust ending bal for Oct. \$64,619.84; Nov. \$64,496.46; Dec. \$60,397.14.

Trust starting bal: As of Jan. 1 - \$60,397.14

Donations/scholarships YTD: \$8,940 (2016 final) 2017-\$7,791

Trust Expenditures as Dec. 31, 2016- \$101,349.65; as of Feb 23, 2017-\$15,803.67

O/E Budget (\$13,000) until passed. Exp as of Feb. 23 2017 - \$1,700

General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees) 2016 total \$6,300---2017-\$2,200

*One delinquent account is pending payment for field use.

BONFIRE COMPLETION REPORT

Reviewed budget report.

Rec Director thanked all for their help and support.

Numbers down because of last minute snow storm. Attendance 1500-2000.

The dancers could not participate because of the snow.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Community/Cultural Affairs:

Gina Rosenfarb -

- Ski Trip – canceled – only two registrations.
- Gina will organize “Warren Got Talent”.
- Warren Township Recreation Foundation – presently on-hold as TB Bank needs a formation certification. As per by-laws, cannot raise more than \$40,000. Gina will provide a list of board members. Interests include amphitheater, extend pavilion, bike / hockey trails.

Cindy Webster -

- Municipal Alliance is working with project graduation to sponsor senior trip.
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse/Misuse event at WHRHS, Monday, April 3, Sponsored by WHR Municipal Alliance. There is a need to focus on the bully in our school system.

- Municipal Youth Services Commission is on hold for the time being. They will start up again soon.

DISCUSSION

Commission discussed an invitation received from Wagner Farm regarding participation in the Butterfly Festival/Garden show on July 15. Commission will decline, as this event does not warrant a table display from the township Recreation.

Members spoke regarding the cancelled ski trip and consider seeking information regarding low/no turnout. In addition, discussed forming a ski club, Dave Cole and Gina Rosenfarb would manage.

CALENDAR DATES TO CONFIRM

Sport Recognition Dinner Thursday, March 2 at 7pm at Gillette Chimney Rock. The committee members who are attending are asked to show up at 6:45 to greet and seat guests.

Rutgers Clinic – Monday, March 13 - Dave Cole.

Fishing Derby – Saturday, May 20 – commission members are asked to volunteer.

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Interviews conducted for office assistant; second interviews will be Tuesday.
- High school basketball. Teem champs 9/10 grades team “Kean” & 11/12 grade team “Dukes”

Now running:

- Men’s basketball and coed volleyball runs until June
- Seated Yoga on Thursdays starting Jan. 5, 11-12 pm at the library until May then move to the Rescue Squad.
- Tennis lessons registrations open
- Jr. Field Hockey registration open
- Weekly *newsletter* – Unable to be completed this week, due to staff shortage.
- Collecting applications for CIT and summer staff

Coming up:

- *Projects in the works* –
- World Tennis Day Clinic March 20
- Tennis lessons April 3
- Camp registrations begin April 11
- Jr. Field Hockey Clinic April 10-13
- Sports compliance on going – spring field usage next
- Planning for spring and summer programs and events
- Girl Scout project
- Planning Summer camps and events
- Turf blanket replacement at ECP field
- Pavilion area improvements
- Fence removed below the pavilion

- Getting info to dredge Dealaman Pond for 2018

NOTE: Recreation office has been receiving assistance from an intern.

ADJOURNMENT 8:10 PM Next meeting April 5, 7 pm in the Springdale conference room.

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary

