

**Warren Township Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes of April 5, 2017 Meeting**

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:07 pm on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the Springdale Conference Room, Warren Town Hall, and 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance: William Bartnick, Dave Cole, Linda Devine, Joe Filo, Mary Ellen Florey, Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt and Township Committee Liaisons Carolann Garafola & Mick Marion (arrived 7:25). Absent: Michael Angelini, Gina Rosenfarb, Cynthia Webster & Norm Zurawski.

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

Dave Cole motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 1, 2017 and William Bartnick 2<sup>nd</sup>, with all others in favor.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Karen Manner, President of Wagner Farm Arboretum, spoke regarding collaborating with the Recreation Commission on programs and events. Next event is July 15 "Festival of Nature", raised funds will go towards the pavilion. Recreation is welcome to hold events there, as they are equipped with a new septic system, expanding gardens and a new barn/storage building. The Commission was receptive to this idea.

**CHAIR**

Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed Sport Recognition Policy and Public Announcement Policy. Commission member Gina Rosenfarb by conference call participated in discussions and voted on the policies.

Township Liaisons stated that the commission should recommended final approval to the Township Committee.

An edit to the Sport Recognition Policy to include an ethics clause regarding a conflict with township/sending school employees cannot be a coach on a recognized organized sport club was added. A unanimous voice vote to accept the proposed Sport Recognition Policy with edits concluded.

Members discussed and reviewed the proposed Public Announcement Policy, a unanimous voice vote to accept the Public Announcement Policy concluded.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT-2017**

Trust ending bal for Feb 28 \$50,567.11.

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

Donations/scholarships YTD: 2017-\$7,791

Trust Expenditures as March 29 \$24,108.04

O/E Budget Exp. as of March 29 \$4,010.44

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

\*One delinquent account is pending payment for field use.

**COMMISSION REPORTS – NONE RECEIVED**

**DISCUSSION**

Bill Bartnick spoke regarding the Sports Recognition dinner at Chimney Rock, suggesting inviting Warren middle school and high school coaches for exposure for the players. Chairman Dave Cole stated that time is

limited and the individual sport organizations should extend an invitation to them. Township Committeeman Marion suggested a venue in Warren for next year's event.

Recreation meeting date changes, new dates: May 1, June 5 and August 7. Same time and location.

Acknowledge letter received from Blue Ridge Sportsman Group which recognized their work/cleanup and help for the past months as per their agreement with the town.

### **CALENDAR DATES TO CONFIRM**

Fishing Derby Saturday, May 20 9 am- 3pm (rain date Sunday May 21)

Mayor Garafola, Joe Filo and Linda Devine have committed to volunteer.

### **Directors Report**

#### ***Just completed:***

- New Recreation Assistant Amanda Altavilla, has a BS in Recreation & Leisure Administration from York College and has worked and volunteered at the recreation level. Please stop in and introduce yourselves. She will have Tuesdays off and work 9:30-4 pm. (25 hr. wk.)
- Rutgers Clinic March 27- Dave Cole instructed the class.
- World Tennis Day Clinic – 12 *new* possible participants attended
- New Fence installed below the pavilion – Funded through Open Space Trust Account

#### ***Now running:***

- Men's basketball and coed volleyball until June
- Seated Yoga on Thursdays
- Tennis lessons begin April 3
- Jr. Field Hockey clinic begins April 10-13
- Friday Weekly *newsletter*
- Collecting applications for CIT and summer staff employment

#### ***Coming up:***

##### *Projects in the works –*

- Tennis lessons registrations open session #2
- Camp registrations begin April 17
- Sports compliance on going – spring field usage next
- Planning for spring and summer programs and events
- Girl Scout project
- Working on planning Summer camps and events
- Working on turf blanket replacement at ECP field
- Working on the pavilion area improvements
- Getting information to dredge Dealaman Pond (Hired Aquatic Analysts to complete a probing survey in April)

**ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM** Next meeting May 1, 7 pm in the Springdale conference room.  
Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary