

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of May 1, 2017 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:20 pm on Wednesday, May 1, 2017, at the Springdale Conference Room, Warren Town Hall, and 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance: William Bartnick (arrived 7:50), Linda Devine, Joe Filo (attended by phone conference), Mary Ellen Florey, Cynthia Webster (arrived 7:40), Norm Zurawski, Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt. Absent: Michael Angelini, Dave Cole, Gina Rosenfarb.

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

Mary Ellen Florey motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 5, 2017 and Linda Devine 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIR – by Recreation Director

Committee Reports and Meetings - Recreation Director stated that any committee chair that needs assistance with help figuring out programs and/or actions for their committee should call her.

The Recreation Director forwarded the Sport Recognition Policy and Public Announcement Policy to the Township Committee for review. At the April 19, 2017 Township Committee meeting, the Township Committee discussion and approved The Sport Recognition Policy and Public Announcement Policy, with edits. These policies will be distributed to the sport clubs and posted on the Township website.

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT-2017

Trust balance: As of April 28	\$46,205.97
Trust Expenditures as of March 29	\$24,108.04
O/E Budget Exp as of April 28	\$4,610.44
Donations/scholarships YTD:	\$7,791
General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees)	\$7,025

*One delinquent account is pending payment for field use.

COMMISSION REPORTS –

Municipal Alliance – Cynthia Webster Liaison recently attended the 17th Annual Addiction Conference - Forging Paths to Wellness. Cynthia stated it was an enlightening experience. The workshops were very informative and it was really inspiring to hear the Governor speak on behalf of this issue. The Alliance needs to work with the other organizations in town to try and educate our community. The Alliance has held informational events yet parents are not attending. It seems that this is an issue throughout the state, especially in higher income areas. The Governor explained that we need to educate our community as well as our youth (he believes we need to start at the elementary level). We need to work together to make parents aware...it takes a village and we need to bring everyone together. Addiction does not exclude anyone.

Commission members discussed this issue and are concerned. It was brought to the commission's attention, that parents are not well attended at these educational programs. Commission suggested a motivational speaker attend one of the summer camp sessions.

Bill Bartnick stated he attended a drug awareness presentation at Warren's Temple Har Shalom, which seemed well attended and it was very informative. The Watchung Regional Hills Municipal Alliance (WHRMA) is hosting a **free event, "Hidden In Plain Sight," on Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m. at The**

Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, Warren - Room 105.

The targeted audiences are parents and care givers of high school and middle school age students. THIS IS A HANDS-ON INTERACTIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY TAUGHT BY A New Jersey Drug Enforcement Agent (DEA) Agent!

DISCUSSION:

DEALAMAN POND – Clean up by Blue Ridge Sportsman Group and Cub Scout Troop 182. Trash, cooler, fishing lines, and much more was removed. Eleanor will send a thank you letter.

CALENDAR DATES:

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

Mayor Garafola, Joe Filo, Linda Devine have committed to volunteering, Cynthia Webster possibly.

Commission members invited to the Grand Opening of the new town hall. Monday, May 29, 12:30

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Tennis session #1 completed
- Seated yoga session #2 completed
- Jr. Field Hockey clinic -16 registered

Now running:

- Men's basketball and coed volleyball til June
- Seated Yoga session #3 starts May 11 on Thursdays at the Rescue Squad
8 weeks \$25
- Tennis lessons #2 begins May 8
- Weekly *newsletter*
- Interviewing applications for CIT and summer staff
- Tennis lessons registrations open session #2
- Camp registrations

Coming up:

Projects in the works –

- 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 (Township Administrator handling)
- Working on the pavilion area improvements
- Getting info to dredge Dealaman Pond (Hired Aquatic Analysts to complete a probing survey in April) Decomposition of plant matter takes oxygen out of the water, without dredging, pond will turn to a swamp.
- Summer Rec office assistant – May - August

ADJOURNMENT 8:10 PM Next meeting June 5, 7 pm in the Springdale conference room.
Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary