

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of August 7, 2017 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:05 pm on Wednesday, August 7, 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, Gina Rosenfarb, Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt and Township Liaison Mayor Carolann Garafola. Absent: Cynthia Webster and 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

Mary Ellen Florey motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 5, 2017 and William Bartnick 2nd, with all others in favor.

CHAIR DISCUSSION

Dave Cole spoke regarding the Teen Fest held at Round Top Swim Club, which he deemed a success. A total of 105 attendees, who enjoyed swimming, assorted sports, inflatables, food for purchase and music provided by a teen DJ. Thanks to volunteers CERT, police, Rescue Squad, Mayor Carolann Garafola, Rec Commission members Dave Cole and Linda Monetti.

50's Night with the Keynotes on June 28 was successful with 250 attendees. The Rec Dept. personnel decorated with balloons, set up a dance floor and table/chairs. Recreation Commission sponsored Italian Ice. The Knights of Columbus sponsored refreshments. Thanks to Sal DiBanica for planning it with us. Dave Cole suggested adding a car show to the 50's concert for 2018.

Warren's Got Talent – cancelled due to lack of applicants.

As there is no September meeting, Budget, trails and Cultural subcommittees will meet with Director to discuss 2018 proposals.

Trails Committee needs to focus on trails maintenance.

A question regarding consideration for a dog park at East County Park was brought up. At this time, the dog park plans are not moving forward. Although people are using the park for their dogs now.

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT-2017

Trust balance: As of June 30	\$121,365.91
Trust Expenditures as of June 30	\$50,261.23
O/E approved 2017 – \$27,340	
O/E Budget Exp as of July 24	\$15,256.25
Donations/scholarships YTD:	\$3,400 (previously some money was from 2016 bonfire)
General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees)	\$9,233.33

CALENDAR DATES:

Aug.16 Concert, 7pm at the pavilion. Johnny's Jukebox

Aug. 23 Concert, 7pm in the courtyard – Bob Marino/Barbara Harris

Individual subcommittees meeting in Sept for 2018 budget and activities (please contact Eleanor to arrange separate meetings)

Letters to Santa – Dec 15, 3pm-6pm

Bonfire January 20, start planning, commission members sign up for volunteering. Keep petting zoo, horse and carriage, maybe add ice carving. As per NJDEP, Christmas trees can no longer be burned.

Also:

October 5, 7 pm – Domestic Violence Candle Light Vigil – Municipal Complex

DISCUSSION:

Discussed donating/swapping old or unwanted sports equipment. Director stated possibly advertise to see if an interest.

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Summer Playground Program, Teen Camps and Little Kids Camp
- Concerts – 50's Night, Bob Laza Blues Band
- Tennis lessons
- Seated Yoga #3
- Teen Fest – Round Top Pool

Now running:

- Seated Yoga session #4 – 16 weeks, available for residents and non-residents.
- Legos Camp August 7th Central School (50 attendees –full)
- Weekly newsletter
- Rutgers SAFETY coaches course Aug. 15
- Johnny's Jukebox Concert – August 16, 7 pm. (rescheduled from August 2, due to weather)
- Bob Marino & Barbara Harris Concert – August 23 municipal courtyard.

Coming up: Projects in the works –

- Sports compliance on going – fall field usage next
- Pavilion rentals
- Fall tennis
- Planning for bonfire
- Planning for Letters to Santa
- Girl Scout project
- Working on turf blanket replacement at ECP field
- Working on the pavilion area improvements
- Getting info to dredge Dealaman Pond (Aquatic Analysts completed probing in May, review report)

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM Next meeting Oct. 4, 7pm in the Springdale conference room on 1st floor, adjacent to Recreation Office.

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary