

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of January 29, 2018 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:10 pm on Monday, January 29, 2018, at the Springdale Conference Room, Warren Town Hall, 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance were: David Cole, Linda Devine, Mary Ellen Florey, Gina Rosenfarb (phone conference), Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt and Township Liaison Carolann Garafola. Absent: William Bartnick Joe Filo, Clara Medina, and Norm Zurawski

Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt read the following statement:

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

Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt asked for the 2018 nomination for Recreation Chairperson. Linda Devine nominated Dave Cole. Mary Ellen Florey seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Eleanora Murfitt relinquished the chair to Dave Cole.

Chairperson Dave Cole nominated Gina Rosenfarb for Vice Chairperson, Mary Ellen Florey second the nomination the voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Cole nominated William Bartnick for Secretary, Linda Devine seconded the nomination, the voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Cole nominated for Linda Devine as Treasurer, Gina Rosenfarb seconded the nomination, the voice vote was unanimous.

Dave Cole motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 6, 2017, and Linda Devine 2nd, with all others in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Donna Yi, a Warren resident spoke with the commission, as she is interested in joining. She has prior volunteer background working with the nonprofit Playworks.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Assignment of new committee appointments – Commission reviewed & agreed with appointments.

CHAIRPERSON Assign new committee appointments

- *Treasurer* - Linda Devine
- *Budget, Personnel, Rec/Sport Liaison* – Dave Cole; Linda Devine
- *Strategic Plan and Initiative Implementation* – Bill Bartnick; Norm Zurawski
- *By-Laws, Policy & Procedure* – Mary Ellen Florey; Gina Rosenfarb
- *Park/Passive Recreation* – Joe Filo; Norm Zurawski
- *Community/Cultural Affairs* – Gina Rosenfarb; Clara Medina

FINANCE REPORT

Trust Balance YTD: As of Dec. 30, 2017 - \$57,992.14

Donations/scholarships YTD: Dec 2017 - \$6,000 bonfire plus \$3,876 = \$9,876

Trust Expenditures YTD as of Dec. 30 - \$89,083

O/E Budget \$28,850 YTD Balance as of Dec. 30 - \$3,000

General Fund Deposit YTD (field & pavilion usage fees) \$6,300

CALENDAR DATES TO CONFIRM

- Sport Forum Feb. 26 at 7pm in the court room (Dave, Linda & Gina)
- Sport Dinner March 19 at Sally G's 7-9pm
- Volunteer of the year award to be presented at the April 12 Township Committee meeting – commission discussed the recommendations and all were in agreement. By voice vote the Commission approved recommends for *Adult* and *Group* volunteer awards.
Recommendations – **Adult: Mariusz Izasiak** – for the last 3 years Mariusz has been voluntarily taking pictures of township events and is now assisting with taking pictures for the Green Team.
Group: Take Flight Dancers – since 2012 the dancers have performed as volunteers at least two venues a year to enhance our events. Take Flight Dance Center is a Warren Business, the recognition is for the *dancers*, because of their very hard work they do to bring us an outstanding performance.

SPORT POLICY UPDATE

Linda, Dave, Bill and Eleanor met several times to discuss the policy. The Commission reviewed proposed changes and a chart regarding the percentage of enrollment in Warren Twp sports. It shows that only one sport has over 66% Warren residents. A thought was to eliminate the 66% rule and replace with a regional rule, as many of the kids will meet up again in high school. Also suggested was to simplify some information requested from coaches, and concentrated on required information. This will be discussed at the February 26 Sports Forum. Dave and Linda will report back and the Commission can finalize at the March meeting to present to Township Committee for review and approval.

BONFIRE UPDATE

- Estimate of 2500 people
- Temps were 40-50 degrees. No ice skating
- 2 horse n carriages, still long lines
- There were lines everywhere at games, rides, food, hot choc, popcorn
- Thanks to everyone, it all went very well

Directors Report

Just completed:

- Weekly newsletter
- Winter Festival brochure is out to the public, signs are up
- Letters to Santa – Dec. 15 – 330 letters and 25
- Winter Festival – Jan 20. Another success.
- 2018 calendar is online

Now running:

- HS Intramural basketball (100 - 11/12th grade; 80 - 9/10th grade)
- Adult basketball – Mondays at Middle School at 6pm
- Coed Volleyball – Mondays at Central School at 7pm
- Chair Yoga #5 – Thursdays at Warren Rescue Squad at 11:30am end March 15
- Interviewing for the summer camp director position – 6 applications

Coming up:

Projects in the works –

- Sports compliance on going
- Girl Scout project – Glenhurst Trail
- Working on the pavilion improvements
- Dealaman Pond dredging (have 3 quotes for engineer plans)
- Working on spring and summer activities
- Rutgers SAFETY coaches clinic Feb. 28 – presenter Dave Cole
- Will be putting up requests for summer camp staff and CITs first week in Feb
- Mon, Feb. 26 – 7pm court room, Sport Forum. Just the Chair and Vice Chair need to attend

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM next meeting, Monday, March 5th, 7 pm - Warren Townhall Springdale Conference Room

Carolyn Scannelli - Minutes Secretary