

Warren Township Recreation Commission
Minutes of January 7, 2019 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Commission convened at 7:04 pm on Monday, January 7, 2019, at the Springdale Conference Room, Warren Town Hall, 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Flag Salute

In attendance were: William Bartnick (arrived 7:07), David Cole, Gina Rosenfarb, Joe Filo, Recreation Director Joe Passaro, and Township Mick Marion. Absent: Linda Devine and Mary Ellen Florey

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.

Gina Rosenfarb motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 3, 2018, and David Cole 2nd, with all others in favor.

Recreation Director, Joe Passaro explained that Township Committee has been reviewing all boards, committees and commissions in the town and that the Township Committee are looking to streamline them. The Township Committee approved Ordinance 19-03 at the Township Committee Meeting on January 4, which would create a Recreation Advisory Committee, which would replace the Recreation Commission. Joe went on to explain that many of the functionalities will still be the same and members of the Advisory Committee will be asked to give recommendations to the Recreation Director and Township Committee. With a Recreation Advisory Committee, there will also only be a Chairperson along with different sub committees. Township Liaison, Mick Marion explained that one of the main changes of moving to an Advisory Committee is to help with the legal requirements with the trust. The ordinance adoption to change the Recreation Commission to an Advisory Board will take at the next Township Committee meeting on January 24. With all the possible change happening at the end of the month Joe Passaro and Dave Cole proposed to vote to keep all positions and committees the same as 2018. Gina Rosenfarb motioned to approve to keep all positions and committees the same as 2018, and Bill Bartnick 2nd. The voice vote was unanimous.

2018 Positions:

- Chair- Dave Cole
- Vice Chair- Gina Rosenfarb
- Treasurer – Linda Devine
- Secretary- Bill Bartnick

Chairperson: committee appointments

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

Financial Report:

- **Trust Bal YTD:** As of Dec. 2018, Balance: \$37,387.31
- **Trust Expenditures YTD** as of Dec. 2018:\$102,225.38

- **Donations/scholarships YTD** as of Dec.2018: \$8255.00
- **O/E Budget YTD Expended** as of Dec. 2018:\$113,324.81
- **General Fund Deposit YTD** (field & pavilion usage fees) as on Dec.2018 : \$3500.00

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Chair YOGA, started again here on December 6th, looking to start a Meditation Program
- Winter Festival Jan.12th, weather date Jan. 19th., over 7000 likes on FB. All Recreation Commission Members are asked to attend and volunteer at an assigned station. Joe Passaro stated that there will be one final safety meeting on January 10 at 12:30pm.
- HS Intramural Basketball started Dec. 7th. Joe Passaro stated that the championship games is slated for February 22 but can change if there are any cancellations in the season.
- Joe Passaro spoke about the Sport Forum taking place on February 7 at 7:00pm in the Court House and the Sports Recognition Dinner taking place on March 13 at 7:00pm at Chimney Rock at the Bridgewater location.

DIRECTORS REPORT- Joe Passaro reviewed key points from the Directors Report.

- See attached

DISCUSSION

Recreation Director, Joe Passaro stated that he is looking for to 2019 with projects that are in the works such as the expansion of the pavilion and Dealaman Pond dredging project. He also stated how important volunteerism is since we cannot run some of our programs and events without volunteers. Joe asked Commission Members that if they have anyone in mind that would like to get involved that would be helpful. He also stated that upgrading and maintaining all of our facilities is key for 2019.

ADJOURNMENT 7:40 PM Next meeting, Monday, March 4, 7 pm - Warren Town Hall Springdale Conference Room

Submitted by:
Amanda Altavilla, Recreation Commission Secretary

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Directors Report

Just completed:

- Weekly newsletter/Facebook/twitter/digital sign –on going
- Fall Tennis has one more week and that will be complete.
- 1st phase of testing for Dealaman pond, pre-Dredging test. Waiting for results.

Now running:

- Registrations for HS Intramural Basketball started, Oct.1st, on going
- Chair Yoga, session 7, collecting reg. for session 8
- Preparations for Winter Festival
- *New- Annual PHOTO contest
- Reg. for RUTGERS Safety course
- Adult Basketball...Mondays at Middle School, 6PM, ends in June
- Adult Volleyball...Mondays at Central School,7PM,ends in June
- Reg. for WYBA started
- Sports compliance with Coaches Certification –on going, creating a new database.
- Pickleball is now up and running in Warren!

Coming up:

Projects in the works-

- Chair Yoga session #8
- Working on Winter festival
- Working on planning summer activities, Concerts and Camps.
- New Teen Fest location
- New trips for Teen camp, new entertainment for Playground camps.
- Expanding Tennis Instruction to include a Summer session.
- Working on Pavilion Expansion plans, to include architect rendering, quotes etc.
- Working on quotes for Lightning detector for Municipal Recreation area, to include Baseball Fields, cost shared with Baseball.
- Sports Forum planned for Feb.7th at 7:00 pm, courthouse.
- Sports Recognition dinner proposed for mid-March at Chimney Rock
- Proposed new Playground
- Warren Day...event