

Warren Township Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of April 1, 2019 Meeting

The meeting of the Warren Township Recreation Advisory Committee convened at 7:20 pm on Monday, April 1, 2019, at the Springdale Conference Room, Warren Town Hall, 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

In attendance were: William Bartnick, David Cole, Gina Rosenfarb, Joe Filo, Bruce DeRenzi, Recreation Director Joe Passaro, and Township Committeeman 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 January 7, 2019, and David Cole 2nd, with all others in favor.

Recreation Director, Joe Passaro spoke about the changes with moving from a Recreation Commission to a Recreation Advisory Committee regarding meetings and stated that a chair is the only position the Committee must vote on. Dave Cole nominated Gina Rosenfarb as Chair, and Joe Filo 2nd, with all others in favor.

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

- See attached

DISCUSSION

Recreation Director, Joe Passaro stated that many of our trailheads are unsafe and lack proper maintenance due to the busy schedule of DPW. He spoke more about the Adopt-A-Trail to help solve the problem. Dave Cole stated that residents have been posting in the Warren Township Community Forum on Facebook stating that the trails/trailheads are not clean and have garbage. Stransky Trail was brought up about the dangerous driveway; Joe Filo suggested closing the entrance and having residents access the Stransky Trails through the Dealaman Pond Trails since they connect. Township Committee Liaison, Mick Marion spoke about the Welcome to Warren signs with the sponsor signs below it not being coordinated with the design of the signs the township bought. An ordinance was made so that signs will be coordinated to look the same. Joe Passaro stated that Recreation would be in charge of purchasing the sponsorship signs for the Adopt-A-Trail program.

A discussion of upcoming potential projects such as properties and the pavilion were discussed. Recreation Director, Joe Passaro talked about Warren Health & Racquet Club in town, which, is owned by an elderly woman who will be giving the company to the general manager upon her death. Mick Marion stated to reach out to find more information on what the plan is for the racquet club. He also stated that he would be looking into the Camp Harmony business since it is currently Chapter 7. Beer Architectural Group has completed the Municipal Pavilion rendering design. The project will include a 70ftx46ft expansion and updating the bathrooms/storage areas. The price of the project is still being determined, as there are multiple factors involved. Bill Bartnick talked about the pavilion on Liberty Corner where part of it is enclosed and suggested to incorporate that into the design.

Bill Bartnick asked if it was possible to have bike paths in town that go between woods and grass. Joe Passaro stated that the County wants to connect all trails together and for Bill to reach out to the County about ways it can be accomplished in Warren.

ADJOURNMENT 8:36 PM Next meeting, Monday, June 3, 7 pm - Warren Town Hall Springdale Conference Room

Submitted by: Amanda Altavilla, Recreation Advisory Committee Secretary

Director's report: 4/1/2019

1st Annual Warren CITO on April 27th, ' Cache in Trash Out' ...the group of volunteers will be working on the Dealaman Pond and trail area. I need help on this day, as I have a pressing engagement.

Adopt – A – Trail Program proceeding nicely...we are looking for sponsors to adopt Trailheads, to reduce the burden of DPW to keep them safe, clean and attractive.

Registration for Camps opened today for Warren residents, May 6th it opens for out of town. Greenbrook and Watchung...Watchung continues to have a camp and is considerably more than what we charge and provide a lot less than what we offer.

New in the line of summer camps will be our 1st annual Theatre camp, the 2 directors are very established actors...one an off-Broadway/TV guy...the other mostly TV/commercials...we will offer instruction in Acting, Singing, Dancing, Writing, and Directing.

The Fishing Derby will be held on May 18th and rain date, is the 19th. Volunteers needed.

Summer concert series is set, all concerts will be down in the Pavilion area now and going forward. Volunteers needed for all Summer concerts ...speaking of the Pavilion, we have the architects rendering off the expanded Pavilion.

Spring Tennis has started, we have expanded the program to a total of 3 seasons, I would like to have it also during the winter...facilities always an issue.

Dredging project proceeding and actual sampling being done shortly. DEP has ordered extensive testing, more than was first believed we needed. To me not a bad thing...just delayed the filing of the application. A big part of the application is how the dredging will be done and the how the silt will be disposed of.