

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 2009**

Adequate notice of this meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, has been given by posting one copy of the Notice of Meeting in the Washington Township Administrative office, by making copies to the "Express Times" and "Star Gazette," and to the municipal clerk in Washington Township.

**ATTENDEES**

D. Detrick, S. Fritts, W. Godfrey, M. Kries, J. Miller, D. Schott. WTRC Administrator N. Godfrey, Committeeman B. Mueller and J. Cooper, DPW Parks Foreman were also present. R. Berrie, J. DeFranza, B. Jeffries were absent. Guest: R. Flint, WTYA President, D. Dempski.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman M. Kries at 7:30 p.m

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - There were no minutes submitted for approval.

**MEADOW BREEZE PARK**

Ice Skating - Season is over. We will put up signs pertaining to ice skating at the canal during late fall/early winter of 2009.

Installation of Shade Covers (D3) -

Spraying of Trees - as needed

Port Colden Field - J. Cooper reported that no one has contacted him regarding using that field.

Pavilion Weather Proofing - We have received quotes, however, we will have to wait until the finance department gives us the go-a-head to spend.

Fence Safety Covers (D1) - Installed

Tennis Court Repairs - P. deBoer spoke to someone from Halecon who was suppose to meet with him at the tennis courts but the meeting has not taken place yet.

M. Kries asked if anyone else had anything new to add to the project list. N. Godfrey said that she had received an request from B. Jeffries to purchase 2 Lacrosse Goals for approximately \$500.00. J. Cooper said he had done some quick research, just this afternoon, and what he found was two goals ran \$625.00 the net lacing system you have to purchase, was \$200.00 and the nets were \$150.00. The total would be approximately \$1000.00. D. Dempski explained that he had researched this and he did find goals for approximately \$500.00. If they cost more than WTYA will make up the difference. D. Schott made a motion to purchase regulation Lacrosse goals for the amount of \$500.00 with WTYA paying any amount over \$500.00, S. Fritts seconded. All in favor. J. Cooper was advised to purchase the goals with delivery by April 14, 2009.

**Report on Sub-Committee Field Scheduling Mtg. of March 10, 2009**

W. Godfrey reported that they thought they did very well with accommodating everyone who was present at the meeting field needs. No one was present at the meeting from Warren United Soccer or West Jersey Soccer who, after the fact, had numerous complaints regarding the Lacrosse Organization using S2, S5 and Pacesetter Field. The two soccer organizations had been given S1, S3 and Port Colden fields for use. In the past Warren United and West Jersey had always been able to use S1, S2, S3, S5 Pacesetter and Port Colden Fields. Both Soccer Organizations came to the Township Committee Meeting in March to complain that the Recreation Commission did not have the best interest of the children at heart. They also denied getting any emails from the Recreation Commission letting them know when the field scheduling meeting was. N. Godfrey said that this was not the case because they complied with the other dates that were mentioned in the same email and that a copy of the email was on file. At the Township Committee Meeting D. Dempski had a copy of said email which clearly showed that they were both sent it at the same time everyone else was. J. Cooper had provided for the Recreation Commission a calender showing all the days of the week and just how many teams/organizations are using the fields during the spring sports season. The end result was that the Township Committee felt that the Recreation Commission did all they could do to make it work and left the final decision up to the Recreation Commission. N. Godfrey wanted to state for the record that both Warren United and West Jersey Soccer were told numerous times last spring and last fall that both teams would have to start looking for other fields to use and that because of new WTYA sports (i.e. Lacrosse, Flag Football and possibly Field Hockey) that they would no longer be able to use Meadow Breeze fields exclusively as their "home fields). D. Dempski also wanted to state that he had offered to Warren United a chance to work something out with them using S2 but to date no one has gotten back to him.

After more discussion it was decided that for the fall season there should be at least two meetings which the organizations using the fields will be invited to attend so something like this does not happen again.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Baseball Scoreboard on D1 - D. Dempski asked if the Recreation Commission would have any problems if WTYA purchase and installed a small electronic scoreboard and have it placed on top of the Concession Stand Roof. After some discussion it

was decided that the Concession Stand Roof would be the perfect place for a scoreboard to be installed. W. Godfrey made a motion that WTYA could install a small electronic scoreboard on the Concession Stand Roof, S. Fritts seconded. All in favor.

### **FINANCIAL & BUDGET REVIEW**

N. Godfrey reported that to date they had collected \$1920.00 in field/pavilion usage fees.

### **ACTIVE AREAS**

D. Detrick said that there has been a real problem with deer waste on the football field this year. He never remembers it being so bad in the past. The DPW has acquired a sweeper and did sweep which made it about 80% better but he was wondering if anything else could be done. After a discussion it was decided that D. Detrick will contact Fish and Game and see if they have any suggestions to help with this problem.

D. Detrick mentioned that he had also been approached about people driving down to the field. J. Cooper said that they really can't chain/lock the driveway because it needs to be open for emergency vehicles. J. Cooper will try to put up some tape and see if that works.

### **PASSIVE AREAS**

D. Flint reported that up at Roaring Rock Park the trail map container had been vandalized, he will fix it and put it back up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Dempski wanted us to know that WTYA has passed a new policy for members to represent WTYA on the WTRC. The policy basically states that when the WTYA representative is no longer associated with the organization or is not reappointed, the WTYA Executive Board will nominate 3 candidates who will be voted on by the majority of the Executive Committee. The candidate recommendation to the WTRC will indicate who the preferred nominee is. This way the WTRC can be assured that the person sitting on the WTRC Board has the best interest of both organizations at heart.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by D. Schott to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by W. Godfrey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Godfrey  
WTRC Administrator

cc: P. deBoer - Acting Township Administrator  
J. Cooper - DPW  
D. Dempski - WTYA  
Township Committee