

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY, 7, 2008**

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**

R. Berrie, J. DeFranza, D. Detrick, W. Godfrey, M. Kries, D. Schott (arrived at 7:40). Absent - S. Fritts, B. Jeffries, J. Miller. Committeeman B. Mueller and WTRC Administrator, N. Godfrey were also present. Guest: Cindy Alexander and Paul Dunet from the American Cancer Society.

N. Godfrey, WTRC Administrator, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

N. Godfrey announced that we would be taking the agenda out of order so our guest from the American Cancer Society could give a very short presentation regarding using the park for an overnight "Relay for Life" event.

Mr. Dunet explained that they were here tonight to ask permission to utilize Meadow Breeze Park as one of the sites for Relay for Life. The Relay for Life is one of the American Cancer Society signature events where they celebrate local cancer survivors and care givers and they also remember those in the community who have lost the battle to cancer. It is an overnight event because the American Cancer Society's national standards within the Relay for Life are very symbolic. It starts with the Survivors Lap, which will utilize a small portion of the walking path, next there will be a luminar ceremony, after the sun sets, to provide a time to remember and the sunrise represents a new beginning that the cancer survivors actually go through. They will work with the local police, emergency squads, and township officials to make sure the event goes smoothly. They are also fully insured and the American Cancer Society takes on the full liability of the event.

They would like to hold this event from 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> until approximately 7:30-8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. They asked if they could use the pavilion, the field (S2), the parking lot (P2) and the walking paths surrounding the pavilion. The American Cancer Society volunteers will be totally responsible for cleaning up the entire area. They have held these events all over the country, including three in Warren County, and they have never had a problem.

After a question and answer period it was the general consensus of the entire Commission that this was a very good cause and we would have no problem with them holding this event at the park. However, since the event would be held overnight at the park, and the park rules/ordinance states that the park opens ½ hour before sunrise and closes ½ hour after sunset they will have to go before the Township Committee and ask them for a waiver to the Ordinance.

N. Godfrey will place them on the Township Committee's January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

Mr. Dunet and Ms. Alexander thanked the Commission for their time and look forward to speaking with the Township Committee at the next Township Committee Meeting.

**2008 Reorganization of the Washington Township Recreation Commission - Appointments**

N. Godfrey opened the floor to nominations for Chairman.

D. Detrick made a motion to nominate M. Kries as Chairman for 2008, seconded by D. Schott. All in favor.

N. Godfrey congratulated M. Kries on his appointment and turned the floor over to him.

M. Kries asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

D. Detrick made a motion to nominate W. Godfrey as Vice Chairman for 2008, seconded by D. Schott. All in favor.

M. Kries asked for nominations for Treasurer

D. Schott made a motion to nominate R. Berrie as Treasurer for 2008, seconded by J. DeFranza. All in favor

**MEADOW BREEZE PARK**

**Walking Path Extensions** - D. Detrick reported that P. deBoer has applied for a grant for the Walking Path Extensions. He hopes that if we are able to get the grant they will provide additional funding for the paths.

**Replace Old Playground Equipment with New** - N. Godfrey reported that the new playground equipment has been delivered and we are awaiting a date from the installers for installation.

**Ice Skating on Morris Canal** - the new portable dam has been delivered, awaiting installation by DPW with the help of W. Godfrey and D. Detrick.

**D2 Dugout Roof Repairs** - No Change

**Shade Cover/Awning over Player Benches** - No Change

**Millpond Rd Property** - Need Soil Testing & DEP Specifications & on hold until funding is available.

**D2 Player Benches Repair** - Spring Project - J. DeFranza & W. Godfrey to make repairs.

**Repair D3 Player Benches** - To be repaired by WTYA

**Horseshoe Court Shed Roof Repair** - Winter Project - to be tied in with Field House Roof Repair by DPW.

**New (3 row) Bleachers** - to be purchased during Spring 2008 (pending 2008 WTRC Budget approval)

**OLD BUSINESS** - D. Schott asked what was happening with the **Memorial Bench for Dr. Wasser**. D. Detrick said that he had gone to Wicki Wholesale Stone and explained to them that the bench we received was not the one that we thought we had ordered. They agreed to exchange the one we are currently in possession of for the type of bench we had intended to get.

Wicki explained to him that they do not do the engraving themselves, however, they suggested that we contact Pequest Monument Engraving to do it. D. Detrick will find out from them about the cost. When we discussed this issue at the last meeting, J. Miller was going to get pricing on different types of plaques as an option to engraving. N. Godfrey will remind J. Miller of this and she will make it an agenda item for the February meeting.

**Morris Canal - Winter Ice Skating** - Already covered under Meadow Breeze Park.

**Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award** - The nomination form was reviewed and some corrections and revisions were made. D. Schott will make these and bring the revised copy to the next meeting.

**FINANCIAL & BUDGET REVIEW** - Pending Township Committee approval of the 2008 budget.

**ACTIVE AREAS** - Already covered under Meadow Breeze Park.

**PASSIVE AREAS** - Nothing new to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Spring Field Scheduling Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. N. Godfrey will advise all interested parties.

Having no further business to discuss a motion was made by D. Schott, seconded by W. Godfrey to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Godfrey  
WTRC Administrator