

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 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**

R. Berrie, J. DeFranza, W. Godfrey, M. Kries, S. Fritts, D. Schott, D. Detrick (arrived 7:35) J. Miller (arrived 7:35)  
Absent: B. Jeffries. N Godfrey, Recreation Administrator, and J. Cooper, DPW Supervisor and Committeeman B. Mueller were also present. Guest: R. Flint.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman M. Kries at 7:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. DeFranza made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009, W. Godfrey seconded. All in favor.

**MEADOW BREEZE PARK**

M. Kries ask N. Godfrey if she was able to research the parking restrictions around the park. N. Godfrey reported that there is an ordinance already in place which states that there is no parking on both Meadow Breeze Lane and Kayharts Lane on the street areas surround the park. There was further discussion on "no parking" signs and other related parking issues.

Fencing on S2 & Pacesetter Fields - D. Detrick spoke with Dave Dempski, President WTYA, regarding the fencing that WTYA would like to place on S2 for Lacrosse games. It is a portable fence approximately 10' x 30' which WTYA will take the responsibility for putting them up and taking them down. J. Cooper said that the Morris County Co-Op has a contractor for a 4ft. high fence, with a minimum order of 100 ft., which is what we would need for S2. The cost would be \$2000.00 and would come out of the DPW Park Maintenance budget. This would be a permanent fence which would benefit both lacrosse and soccer teams using this field. A motion was made by D. Schott that J. Cooper purchase and install a 4 ft. fence on S2 along the parking lot area, to be paid for from the DPW Park Maintenance Budget, seconded by D. Detrick. All in favor.

Mill Pond Road Property - D. Detrick reported that he spoke with P. deBoer, Acting Twp. Administrator, who told him that Phase I and Phase II studies are done and the next step should be for us to give him some ideas on what we would like to have this facility used for so he can ask the Twp. Engineer to come up with a conceptual plan for the Mill Pond Property. N. Godfrey suggested that the WTRC members think about this over the next month and then be prepared to discuss this at the July meeting.

Pavilion Weather Proofing - J. Cooper received 3 quotes from vendors who can do this, the lowest being \$9995.00, the next was \$10,999.00 and the highest is \$11,202.00. This would be for cleaning, stain and sealing the entire pavilion, including the picnic tables and power washing the concrete floor. After some discussion, J. DeFranza made a motion that J. Cooper will check out references and business registrations on the vendors who submitted quotes and based on his recommendation go ahead with the weather proofing of the pavilion, seconded by S. Fritts.  
ROLL CALL: DeFranza, yes; S. Fritts, yes; R. Berrie, yes; D. Detrick, abstain; W. Godfrey, yes; D. Schott, yes; M. Kries, yes; J. Miller, yes.

Snack Bar - J. DeFranza would like replace the screens, paint the windows, and eaves and strip and repair the picnic tables. Volunteers will do the labor, however, he is asking the commission if we would be able to help pay for the paint and materials. The WTRC suggested that the paint colors be blue and gray, the same as the announcing stand. D. Detrick made a motion to pay for the paint and materials, out of WTRC use fees, not to exceed \$200.00, W. Godfrey seconded.

ROLL CALL: D. Detrick, yes; W. Godfrey, yes; J. DeFranza, abstain; S. Fritts, yes; R. Berrie, yes; D. Schott, yes; M. Kries, yes; J. Miller, yes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

D. Detrick asked J. Cooper what the status of the batting cages and the DEP was. J. Cooper reported that he had spoken with Armon Perez from the DEP who would not make a ruling on this right now. J. Cooper told him that we would like to remove the concrete, and he said that would not be a problem, since we were removing it from the wet lands. When J. Cooper told him that we wanted to install a steel frame which in the springtime a net would be put over it and it would be used as a batting cage, Mr. Perez did not comment on this and told him that he would have to have his assistant get back to him. J. Cooper said that he thinks that this may be a problem.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

N. Godfrey reported that the Township budget was approved at the May meeting of the Township Committee. The Recreation Commission's budget for the year is \$8000.00. We have collected \$5,600.00 in use fees.

## **ACTIVE AREAS**

W. Godfrey asked J. Cooper if there had been any more problems with the teams using ball dry, kitty litter and other dirt drying methods. Cooper said not really, not since he spoke to them all. The teams that were using D3 and D4 who raked the infield mud into the grass part of the field were told if it happens again they will be asked to leave the park and will never be able to use any of our fields again.

J. Miller made the suggestions that the pitching mound be removed from D6 (baseball) so it can be used as a softball field. We have twice as many request for softball fields and the only team using D6 right now is the Franklin Twp Youth Association. After further discussion, D. Schott made a motion that because of the high demand for softball field usage, the pitching mound should be removed from D6 so it can be used as a softball field, S. Fritts seconded. All in favor

N. Godfrey will notify Franklin Township of this decision.

## **PASSIVE AREAS**

D. Flint reported that at Pohatcong Creek the bridge has been destroyed by vandals. They removed some of the planks and their was evidence that they had build a fire in the middle of the bridge. D. Detrick will see if he can get the school group SAVE to help repair the bridge once the new school year begins. J. Cooper will also go and check out the damage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion on having a new kiosk built to put by the softball fields that will contain the schedules of all of the teams who use the fields so there will be no questions as to who is using what fields for games and practice, park map, walking path information and any other park information that is pertinent. J. Miller made a motion to order another kiosk, to be placed by the softball fields in order to post scheduling, bulletins and current events, not to exceed \$300.00, seconded by W. Godfrey. All in favor.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by D. Schott to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by R. Berrie. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Godfrey,  
WTRC Administrator

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