

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

The regular meeting of the Washington Township Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman, M. Kries.

ATTENDEES

R. Berrie, S. Fritts, W. Godfrey, M. Kries, D. Schott, J. Miller. Absent: J. De Franza, D. Detrick, B. Jeffries. WTRC Administrator, N. Godfrey and J. Cooper, DPW Supervisor, were also present. Guest: R. Foster, WTYA Vice President and D. Flint

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Schott made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009, W. Godfrey seconded. All in favor.

MEADOW BREEZE PARK

Pavilion Weather Proofing - Completed. J. Cooper reported that it was recommended that it be stained again next year. If we apply a second coat next spring then it should be good for another 6 or 7 years. This will be added to the project list.

Additional Security Camera - The cost for two additional security cameras at the pavilion area, including installation, would be \$2140. DPW would have to install the additional posts and run the trench for the conduit and have an electrician run the electric.

Tennis Court Repairs - Still pending a letter from Twp. Attorney to the company who resurfaced them.

Snack Bar Repair Work - nothing new to report.

Batter Cage Relocation - J. Cooper was in touch with the DEP and is waiting for them to come out to take a look and make a determination.

Broken Playground Police Car - J. Cooper received a quote from Game Time of \$800.00 to replace. N. Godfrey will check if this can be covered by insurance.

J. Cooper asked where the memorial bench in honor of Dick Rhinehart is going to go? J. Miller will get in touch with D. Detrick to find out where the Lifetime Achievement Committee wants to put it.

Mill Pond Property - The Township Engineer is working on a proposal for a preliminary conceptual plan for the Recreation Commission is review.

Volunteer Project List - D. Flint put together a listing of past volunteer projects and who was responsible for them. Ane he also added additional projects that can be done in the future at the passive park areas. He will discuss this with D. Detrick and try to finalize the list.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Miller passed out six (6) different choices of sample signs to be used for the Dick Rhinehat Memorial Field. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided on a design. W. Godfrey made a motion to approve the 3" x 6" aluminum sign, painted white with blue lettering, S. Fritts seconded. All in Favor.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET REVIEW

N. Godfrey reported that there hasn't been too much activity to date with regards to taking money out of the Recreation budget, however, there are expenses coming out of it between now and the end of the year. We will be taking the cost of field lining paint (approximately \$1300) out of it and some other items that the DPW will need to purchase. WTRC has collected \$8354. in use fees to date.

ACTIVE AREAS

M. Kries reported that there is another leak in the lady's room and the sink is leaking in the main room of the snack bar. There is also a crack in the main building that the bees are coming through. J. Cooper will look into this.

PASSIVE AREAS

D. Flint wanted to thank J. Cooper for having the DPW go up to Lake Marguerite and taking care of the blown down tree and also taking care of the trash. The last remaining picnic bench has been destroyed by vandals, so it looks like this proves that we just can't keep anything up there like this.

NEW BUSINESS

N. Godfrey reported that she had received a request to refund a pavilion payment because the weather was supposed to be bad on the day of the rental. This request was received the day before the actual pavilion rental date. It turned out that the weather was fine and would be not had interrupted their plans. After a brief discussion regarding the refund request it was decided that the Recreation Commission cannot start refunding rental money just because the weather might be bad. It is just like any other outdoor event and when you plan an outdoor event you take your chances with the weather. If you rent a tent for a day for a party and the weather does not cooperate, you still have to pay for the rental of the tent. The same goes for the pavilion. J. Miller made a motion not to refund the pavilion rental fee, D. Schott seconded. All in Favor.

Having no further business to discuss, D. Schott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., J. Miller seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Godfrey,
WTRC Administrator

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