

Wallington Recreation
Meeting-Minutes
August 1, 2017

- Opening of meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

- Roll Call

○ Brunacki	<u> P </u>	
○ Brynczka	<u> P </u>	
○ Calabrese	<u> P </u>	
○ Ferrara	<u> P </u>	
○ Graham	<u> P </u>	
○ Ivanicki	<u> A </u>	
○ Melfi	<u> A </u>	
▪ Alternate #1:	Selvaggio	<u> A </u>
▪ Alternate #2:	Wesolowski	<u> P </u>
▪ Recreation Director:	Popek	<u> P </u>

- Approval of the Minutes of the June meeting

- Motion to accept minutes by Brynczka, seconded by Ferrara

Roll Call:

Brunacki Y Brynczka Y Calabrese Y Ferrara Y Graham Y
Wesolowski Y

- Treasurer's Report

- \$27,603 is in the General Fund as of July 31, 2017
 - Summer Recreation had a budget of \$62,301.29
 - Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Brynczka, seconded by Wesolowski, and approved by all

Motion to open meeting to the public by Brynczka, seconded by Ferrara

Roll Call:

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Wesolowski Y

- Open to the Public
 - As Chair of the Finance Committee of the Wallington Borough Council, Eugene Rachelski disputed Councilman Roman Kruk's assertion that there has been a reduction this year in the amount of money allocated to the Board of Recreation
 - Rachelski claimed that the Borough Council has allocated \$107,000 to the Board of Recreation, and he stated that this was the biggest allocation ever to the Board
 - Rachelski explained that the \$107,000 is the aggregate amount of funding that has been placed in the General Account and Summer Recreation Trust Account
 - Rachelski mentioned that programs should not be scaled back because additional funding will be made available to the Board if necessary
 - Calabrese, Brynczka, and Graham agreed that the bylaws need to be reviewed with the borough attorney to make clear the procedures for the allocation of funding, in order to avoid confusion over the budget in the future
 - Mr. Doug Kasteen announced that the youth-football season began today – with fifty-nine participants: twenty-five players and thirty-four cheerleaders
 - Kasteen said that the reduction in the number of actual players may lead to expulsion from the Meadowlands Football League – in order to avoid this, there has been discussion about partnering with neighboring towns to grow the number of players on each youth team and/or joining another league

Motion to close meeting to the public by Brynczka, seconded by Calabrese

Roll Call:

Brunacki Y Brynczka Y Calabrese Y Ferrara Y Graham Y
 Wesolowski Y

- Correspondence
 - No correspondence
- Organization Reports from Liaisons
 - Little League (Tom Brynczka)

-ended season with tournaments: girls' softball (ages 9/10 and 11/12)

-11/12 girls' team advanced to the state championship – but were sadly unable to win

- Soccer (Joe Brunacki)

-225 participants have signed up to play this season

-team practices will begin in the coming weeks

-teams in the Tiny Tot, Pee Wee, and Mixed Middle divisions will play their games at the Little League Field while the U14 and U12 teams will play at Centennial Field and/or at the high school

-opening night is Friday, September 8

- Football (Nick Melfi)

-no report

- Basketball (Wendy Ivanicki)

-no report

- Bowling (Beth Ferrara)

-no report

- Recreation Program Directors

- Recreation Direction (Dave Popek)

-tents for Summer Recreation need to come down at the Little League Field

- Buildings & Grounds (Nick Melfi)

-no report

- Fields (Joe Brunacki)

-costs associated with upgrades to Dul Field are being evaluated

-Centennial Field will receive maintenance this week from the Wallington Department of Public Works

- Communications (Tom Brynczka)

-considering other ways to advertise the Summer Concert Series to counteract low attendance (local newspapers, church bulletin, etc.)

- Easter Program (Wendy Ivanicki/Dennis Graham)

-no report

- Halloween Program (TJ Calabrese/Joe Brunacki)

-no report

- Christmas Program (Beth Ferrara/Tom Brynczka)

-no report

- Summer Recreation (TJ Calabrese/Joe Brunacki)

-there have been two rain days and one early dismissal

-end-of-summer BBQ/carnival will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 4

-a survey will be conducted by Director Alycin Slezak to get feedback from parents/children about this summer's program

- Old Business

- Update on Summer Concert Series

-approximately one hundred people attended the first concert; and approximately two hundred fifty people attended the second concert

-Calabrese is looking to secure more food trucks for the last concert on August 29

- Summer Camps

-there were twenty participants in the football camp; and there were forty participants in the soccer camp

- New Business

- the Knights of Columbus of Wallington would like to partner with the Wallington Youth Soccer League to hold the Soccer Challenge (a penalty-shot competition) in September –

details will be discussed at the next Board meeting

- Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Brynczka at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Calabrese, with all in approval