

# Wallington Board of Recreation

## Meeting-Minutes

February 7, 2017

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call (P – present    A – absent)
  - Brunacki              P
  - Brynczka             P
  - Calabrese            P
  - Ferrara               A
  - Graham              P
  - Ivanicki              A
  - Melfi                  P
  
  - Alternate #1:        Selvaggio          A
  - Alternate #2:        Wesolowski       P
  - Recreation Director: Popek              A
- Approval of the minutes of the January meeting
  - Motion to approve of minutes was made by Calabrese at 7:32 p.m. and it was seconded by Melfi
  - Motion approved by Brunacki, Brynczka, Calabrese, Graham, Melfi, Wesolowski (Ferrara and Ivanicki did not approve due to their absence)
- Treasurer's Report
  - There is currently \$5,802 available in the budget
  - Motion to accept the report was made by Melfi at 7:33 p.m. and seconded by Graham
  - Motion approved by Brunacki, Brynczka, Calabrese, Graham, Melfi, Wesolowski (Ferrara and Ivanicki did not approve due to their absence)
- Open to the Public
  - Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Brynczka at 7:33 pm. and it was seconded by Calabrese
  - Motion approved by Brunacki, Brynczka, Calabrese, Graham, Melfi, Wesolowski

- Mrs. Cathie Sinisi requested a revision to the January meeting-minutes so that there is mention of her not only raising \$8000 for last year's Easter program but also spending almost all of it – \$300 remained
- Mrs. Sinisi also made a request of the Rec. Board to think about ways to collaborate with other towns for the Memorial Day Parade/Celebration; Brunacki explained that the Rec. Board does not operate the Memorial Day Parade/Celebration as that is the responsibility of Mr. Joe Smith (member of the Wallington Board of Education)
- Mrs. Sinisi also requested a better accounting of the budget by the Rec. Board; Councilman Roman Kruk mentioned that he could provide an accounting of funding that the Wallington Borough Council appropriates to the Rec. Board
- Graham requested an accounting of the Rec. Board budget at each monthly meeting as he believes that there needs to be a more thorough deliberation on how to appropriate donations to sports programs such as football that continue to have a decline in registration
- Melfi disagreed with Graham's request for a monthly accounting of the budget, and Melfi disagreed with Graham's call for more deliberation on appropriations to sports programs like football that are seeing a decline in registration
- Motion made by Brunacki at 8:11 p.m. to close the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Melfi
- Motion approved by Brunacki, Brynczka, Calabrese, Graham, Melfi, Wesolowski
- Correspondence
  - No correspondence to be filed
- Organization Reports from Liaisons
  - **Little League** (Tom Brynczka)

- Registration is up +20, bringing the current number of participants in the baseball program to 142

- Increase in registration has been attributed to outreach to parents via phone calls and e-mails to actively remind them of registration dates/times

- A "meet and greet" between parents/participants and coaches will be on March 3 at the Little League Field

- There will be a barbecue, home-run derby, and coaches game at the end of the season

- **Soccer** (Joe Brunacki)

- There were approximately 330 participants in last season's soccer program, and that number is expected to be the same when the new season begins in late July

- This season will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the soccer program

- **Football** (Nick Melfi)

- No report

- **Basketball** (Wendy Ivanicki)

- Brunacki, on behalf of Ivanicki, stated that the current season will end on Presidents' Day weekend, and that the basketball program itself has grown in registration as a result of off-season clinics

- **Bowling** (Beth Ferrara)

- No report

- **Recreation Program Directors**

- **Buildings & Grounds** (Nick Melfi)

- Preparations for the refurbishment of Dul Field are underway, but the refurbishment itself has not started

- **Fields** (Joe Brunacki)

- All fields are available for use and are going to be very busy in the coming months with participation in both high-school sports programs and rec. sports programs for the spring

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- **Communications** (Tom Brynczka)

- No report

- **Easter Program** (Wendy Ivanicki/Dennis Graham)

- All activities/attractions will be similar to ones at last year's Easter program: face-painting, ring toss, egg roll, photo with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, etc.

- The date of the event has now been changed to April 1, and will be from 1 – 3 p.m. at the high-school gym

- Flyers will be made up and sent out as soon as possible to the elementary schools, and will be posted on the Rec. Board's Facebook page

- **Halloween Program** (TJ Calabrese/Joe Brunacki)

- Discussion of the possibility of having Trunk or Treat on a Friday or Sunday in order to avoid conflict with any football games on Saturday – discussion will continue

- **Christmas Program** (Beth Ferrara/Tom Brynczka)

- Tree-lighting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1

- **Summer Recreation** (TJ Calabrese/Joe Brunacki)

- Registration dates/times: April 5, 7 – 9 p.m. / April 19, 7 – 9 p.m.  
April 22, 1 – 3 p.m. / April 26, 7 – 9 p.m. / May 6, 10 a.m. – noon  
May 17, 7 – 9 p.m. @ Little League Clubhouse

- This year's summer program will be for children in grades K – 6

- Registration fee was \$100 last year, but this year will be \$150 due to an extended schedule (9 – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday, from June 26 – August 4

- Registration fee will include a T-shirt, a drawstring bag, and a water bottle

- **Old Business**

- Brunacki stated that the budget for the Easter Program has been increased from \$2000 to \$4000

- **New Business**

- Summer Concert Series needs an open purchase-order (PO)

- The Home and School Organization will have its fashion show and tricky-tray dinner on Thursday, March 23 at The Fiesta in Wood-Ridge (doors open at 6 p.m.)

- **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wesolowski at 8:43 p.m. and it was seconded by Graham

- Motion approved by Brunacki, Brynczka, Calabrese, Graham, Melfi, Wesolowski