

# Borough of West Long Branch

## Recreation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes- July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Joe DeLeonardo, Chair  
Debbie Ronan  
Lorraine Strohenger  
Susan Trocchia

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Fred Migliaccio, Councilman  
MaryLynn Mango, Councilwoman

Meeting Called to Order at 7:40pm.

1. The **Summer Recreation** program is well underway and running smoothly. There are 155 children registered. Things are working out well again at Shore Regional this year with no issues reported from Nick Cammarano. The program has yielded nearly \$35,000.
2. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks** – The band, 'West End Dogs' were great and attracted a nice sized audience. They did not pipe in music during the firework display as originally intended. Joe will inquire as to why this did not happen. Good feedback was received from residents on the firework display, although many said it was a very slow beginning. There was question whether the display range was higher and more spectacular as promised for the additional cost of this new company. Councilman Migliaccio noted that shell size and having ample space for a safe shooting range may have affected the ability to launch larger fireworks. We will look into this and also the consideration of going back to Garden State Fireworks next year.
3. **Summer Concert Series** – This Friday, 7/13 'Friend Zone' will be playing. Eileen has put the sign up at the Community Center. Lorraine will be handling the check and other details for the day of the event. Jersey Jukebox is scheduled for 8/24 but has not yet submitted the contract. Lorraine will be obtaining this from them in order to receive approval at the August Council Meeting.
4. **Bocce Ball Court** – The courts look fantastic. Thank you to Fred Migliaccio, Chris Neyhart and to all of the other volunteers and donors who have helped to create these courts. A separate financial account specifically for the bocce ball courts will be necessary and inquired upon. Monies will be used to fund benches, court maintenance, etc. Fred noted that he would be putting the finishing touches on the courts by sealing the wood and installing composite wood end caps. There will be a shed installed that will be used to house extra balls, rakes and other supplies. There is interest from people and organizations in the community to donate benches. The cost is as follows: Backless- \$400/each, Standard, with back- \$750/each. Currently there are to be two backless benches being considered for installation between the two courts and two standard benches along the side. August 5<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for a West Long Branch vs. Oceanport tournament. There will be 12 teams consisting of local community members and organizations; Police, Fire, DPW, etc. Registration is \$100 per 4-person team. Proceeds from this will be donated. Lastly, Fred is

hoping to install electric service for an aeration unit in the lake, this will also enable the possible installation of lights at the bocce courts.

5. **Parks-** The telephone poles that line Walnut Pl. in Ronan Shirvanian Park were addressed. Fred noted that the best option would be to install a fence to cover and block them. Also noted, the Ronan Shirvanian Park sign is in despair and will need to be repaired or replaced.
6. **Town Flags-** Debbie presented an option for the town flag design; 'West Long Branch, A Great Place to Call Home'. Creating a crest/town logo will be looked into along with other design/slogan options to present to Council. We will need to move forward with obtaining estimates for the painting of the lampposts at Franklin Lake. Debbie will be reaching out to Michael Lamb for a copy of his original estimate.
7. **Community Center-** Moving forward with permit and licensing needed for a beer garden at 2018 Fall Fest. They also now have an in-house caterer, 'Every Detail Catering'. It is a nice option yet not required for people looking to hold catered events at the center. Movie Night is set for 8/21, movie to be determined.
8. **Christmas Sing-a-long/Tree Lighting-** We would like to move forward with planning a **Christmas Tree Lighting** event for the first Sunday of December 12/2. The event will include entertainment and refreshments and the focus will be the tree lighting ceremony. This event is a possible replacement to the Sing-a-long that is traditionally held the Sunday prior to Christmas or simply a new Recreation event. It will be looked into if council wishes to host the annual sing-a-long on their own, back at the original location of Woolley Park. We would like to decorate the lampposts at the lake with holiday lighting but it has been determined due to the voltage requirements of the lights, we most likely cannot attach to the electric service. Battery operated lights will be inquired on as an alternative. Lorraine also noted we have bows that can be attached to each post.
9. **Fall Fest-** Hoffman's Ice Cream has been confirmed as a vendor for this year. The idea of adding a small petting zoo or pony rides has been dismissed. We will be confirming with Salina on when the deadline for vendor requests is. A specific criteria for eligible vendors was discussed as we do not wish to have vendors who solely advertise their services. Eligible vendors will be those with tangible goods for purchase as well as in-town service groups such as local PBA and school organizations, etc. A consistent process of approval will be put in place.
10. **Other business-** Men's basketball that is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and provided by the Recreation Commission has been turned away from use of the gym at the FAS school. The building usage permit expired the end of June. Permit usage runs in line with the annual school year rather than the annual calendar year. A new usage form must be submitted for approval at a Board of Education meeting. We will be working on an alternative process to re-gain them access as soon as possible since the next Board of Education meeting is not until August.

Meeting came to a close at 8:26pm

Submitted by:  
Heidi Bahr, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm