

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
RECREATION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE,
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON
JANUARY 25, 2017.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Greg Williams called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lorraine Card, Christine Keller, Karen Merritt, Christy Tuper, Greg Williams

Absent: Nancy Nolte, Warren Wisse

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Williams stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public laws of 1975 Chapter 231. It has been properly advertised and certified."

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Williams called for nominations for the office of President and Vice President for Wantage Township Recreation Commission for the year 2017.

On motion by Christy Tuper seconded by Lorraine Card, Greg Williams was nominated for President for the year 2017.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

On motion by Christine Keller seconded by Greg Williams, Christy Tuper was nominated for Vice President for the year 2017.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

President Greg Williams nominated Arlene DeLaOsa for Secretary. On motion by Greg Williams, seconded by Christine Keller, Arlene DeLaOsa was nominated Board Secretary for the Year 2017.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

MEETING SCHEDULE AND NAMING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION.

Christy Tuper moved to establish the regular meeting nights of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2017, and the first meeting of 2018, as per the attached resolution. Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

Location: Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Rt. 23, Wantage NJ

Date:	Time:
January 25, 2017	7:00 pm
February 22, 2017	7:00 pm
March 22, 2017	7:00 pm
April 26, 2017	7:00 pm
May 24, 2017	7:00 pm
June 28, 2017	7:00 pm
July 26, 2017	7:00 pm
August 23, 2017	7:00 pm
September 27, 2017	7:00 pm
October 25, 2017	7:00 pm
November 29, 2017	7:00 pm
January 24, 2018	Organization Meeting 7:00 pm

Lorraine Card made the motion to name the New Jersey Herald and the New Jersey Sunday Herald the official newspapers for the Wantage Recreation Commission. Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

NEW BUSINESS

Stuart Baker, the president of the Wantage Dog Park Association could not be present at the meeting. He sent a list to the Recreation Commission acknowledging the 2017 officers and members of the Wantage dog park. The Recreation Commission suggested to rest portions of the dog park and re-seed to create less mud in the Spring and Fall.

The Commission agreed to the following events dates for the year 2017.

* Easter Egg Hunt- Sunday, April 2nd with a rain date of Saturday, April 8th.

* Wantage Day- Saturday, June 3rd

* 5K Family Run/Walk- Saturday, September 16th.

* Veterans Memorial Car, Bike and Truck Show- Sunday, October 8th with a rain date of Sunday, October 15th.

*Christmas Tree Lighting- Friday, December 1st.

*Mets Bus Trip - Sunday, May 7th at a 1:10 p.m. game against the Miami Marlins. With the increase in prices at the stadium and for the bus transportation the ticket price has increased to \$60.00 a ticket.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Colesville and Beemerville fire department and the Recreation Commission would like to incorporate the anniversary into Wantage Day with a theme, First Responders.

The Commission had a discussion with Carl Nelson, the president of the High Point Soccer and Jon Morris the Mayor of Wantage about the worn field 5 and 6 at Woodbourne Park and the use of alternate fields. Carl will contact the football league to check if soccer can use the football fields and Jon will contact the High Point High School Board of Education to discuss using the school fields until field 5 and 6 at Woodbourne Park are repaired.

Lynn Axiotes was not at the meeting to discuss becoming an alternate recreation member.

OLD BUSINESS

Arlene DeLaOsa mentioned the slither slide that is replacing the tube slide for the Woodbourne Park playground has been delivered and will be installed in February.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

The Commission discussed bigger and more noticeable signs about picking up after your dog at Woodbourne Park to help maintain the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the November 30, 2016 minutes.
Lorraine Card seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

The Mayor of Wantage Jon Morris, thanked all the recreation members for their volunteer service to the Recreation Commission and for the betterment of the parks. Lake Neepaulin is a Wantage township property for all to enjoy and would like additional ideas about utilizing the beach and lake. Jon also mentioned the township is looking into additional fields for the future to help with over usage.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Christy Tuper and seconded by Christine Keller.

Roll Call: Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Williams. Nays: None
Absent: Nolte, Wisse.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene DeLaOsa
Board Secretary