

**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 28, 2015.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

2014 Board Vice President Christy Tuper called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Christy Tuper, Christine Keller (arrived 7:20 pm), Karen Merritt, Nancy Nolte.

Absent: Lorraine Card, Tanya Chiofalo, Warren Wisse.

Greg Williams has taken a one year leave of absence.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE**

Mrs. Tuper 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**

Mrs. Tuper called for nominations for the office of President and Vice President for Wantage Township Recreation Commission for the Year 2015.

On motion by Mrs. Tuper seconded by Mrs. Keller, Greg Williams was nominated for President for the year 2015 when he returns from one year leave of absence.

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

On motion by Karen Merritt seconded by Nancy Nolte, Christy Tuper was nominated for Vice President for the year 2015.

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

Vice President Christy Tuper nominated Arlene DeLaOsa for Secretary. On motion by Christy Tuper, seconded by Nancy Nolte, Arlene DeLaOsa was nominated Board Secretary for the Year 2015.

Roll Call: Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Nolte. Yes, Carried. Nays: None. Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Wisse.

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

Mrs. Tuper moved to establish the regular meeting nights of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2015, and the first meeting of 2016, as per the attached resolution. Mrs. Merritt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Nolte. Yes, Carried. Nays: None.  
Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Wisse.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
January 28, 2015	7:00 pm
February 25, 2015	7:00 pm
March 25, 2015	7:00 pm
April 22, 2015	7:00 pm
May 27, 2015	7:00 pm
June 24, 2015	7:00 pm
July 22, 2015	7:00 pm
August 26, 2015	7:00 pm
September 23, 2015	7:00 pm
October 28, 2015	7:00 pm
December 2, 2015	7:00 pm
January 27, 2016	Organization Meeting 7:00 pm

Mrs. Tuper made the motion to name the New Jersey Herald and the New Jersey Sunday Herald the official newspapers for the Wantage Recreation Commission. Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Nolte. Yes, Carried. Nays: None.  
Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Wisse.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission agreed to start accepting nominations for the ‘Citizen of the Year’ award.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The donation of sports equipment to Afghan children is cancelled by the Recreation Commission due to a concern for the soldier’s safety in receiving a large shipment in Afghanistan.

The bus trip on May 9, 2015 to see the Yankees vs Orioles has been cancelled by the Recreation Commission because it is conflicting with Mother’s Day weekend.

Heather Rokosny and Wayne Dunn were at the meeting to discuss field usage for soccer at Woodbourne Park. Discussion was made at the meeting to accommodate High Point Lacrosse, which is a new sport at Woodbourne Park. It was mentioned that the permanent goal posts on field #3 could be removed so lacrosse and soccer can use the field.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Christine Keller stated they will start organizing for the next Woodbourne Park Car, Bike and Truck Show.

Christy Tuper acknowledged and thanked the Recreation Commission for their time and hard work in all the events in the year 2014.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes of December 3, 2014 have been tabled until the February 25, 2015 meeting.

## **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Kathy Gorman spoke about Lake Neepaulin to inform the Recreation Commission that there is ice fishing on the lake and she has a concern regarding the safety of the ice.

Robert Belz, a representative of the Friends of Lake Neepaulin asked the Recreation Commission what the current recreation plans are for Lake Neepaulin and the beach. The Recreation Commission mentioned the lake is closed until the Mayor and Committee reviews the Recreation Commission suggestions and gives approval on the usage of the lake and beach.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Tuper and seconded by Ms. Keller.

Roll Call: Keller, Merritt, Tuper, Nolte. Yes, Carried. Nays: None.

Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Wisse.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene DeLaOsa  
Board Secretary