

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

**Monday, March 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Minutes**  
**Washington Township Senior Center**

Members Present: Ed Murray, Mary McArdle, Darlene Hatcher, Walt Cullen, Tim Roth,  
Sue Coscia

Members Absent: William Roehrich

Others Present: Dave Janke and other members of the Lacrosse Group

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the February 6th, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary McArdle to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Roth and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
2. Dave Janke of the Long Valley Lacrosse Group initiated a discussion regarding the conflict between the need for the Lacrosse teams to get field time early in the spring and the ability of Parks and Recreation to have the fields ready for play. Everyone agreed that field readiness is very much dependent on weather conditions and that the point at which the fields are ready varies from year to year. The Recreation Department agreed to work with the Lacrosse Group and be flexible in determining when fields can be used for play and not necessarily stick with a pre determined date for opening the fields. All parties agreed to work together to keep our fields in the best shape possible.

There was a further discussion concerning the availability of common areas in our parks for practice prior to the fields being ready. Some suggestions were made to include possible use of Board of Education fields.

The Lacrosse Group also made a presentation regarding building a practice wall at Califon Park. The Group is in the process of working out details and will need to get approval from DPW and check the Building Department to see if permits are required. We also advised the Group that cost figures and drawings for the project would also be needed. After discussion a motion to endorse the project, subject to approval of the Township Committee, was made by Sue Coscia, seconded by Ed Murray and unanimously approved by the committee members present.

3. Long Valley Sports Association Account – Walt Cullen presented PNC Statement showing same balance, \$2,784.31, as shown on last statement.

4. Future Activities for the Committee

Old Time Baseball Game – Civil War Re-enactment group added; date for the event is 7/29/17. Historic Society has been invited to participate.

Bus Trips – Ed Murray presented figures for four possible future trips. After some discussion it was decided to table the issue for next meeting.

Turkey Trot – Mary and Sue hosted a meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended and next meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Senior Center at 6:30 pm.

5. Adjournment 7:55 p.m., Motion made by Mary McArdle, seconded by Tim Roth and unanimously approved by the committee members present.