

Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Commissioner Coiley called the meeting to order 7:30 p.m.

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Coiley read the following statement: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act by posting written notice of the meeting at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10 and posting such notice to the following newspaper: Morris County Daily Record and filing same with the Township Clerk.

ATTENDANCE: Present were Commissioners: B. Brueno, G. Salese, P. Monteverdi, M. Giorgio, Chairman Coiley, Alternate Commissioner Berkenkamp, Committeeman Mihalko, Asst. Superintendent T. Quirk, and Supt. D. Brennan.

Absent: Commissioner CJ Engelberger

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Supt. Brennan said she has received back three contracts. The first is for the removal and replacement of shower columns in the the women’s shower room at Bee Meadow Pool facility. The second contract is from SA Food Services, the food service company at the Bee Meadow Pool. The third contract is for the fireworks on Thursday, June 30, rain date Friday, July 1 from Garden State Fireworks Company.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Committeeman Mihalko said he didn’t have a lot to report, other than at the last meeting the ordinance for the turf field was moved forward.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Assistant Township Engineer provided the following report to Supt. Brennan:

Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation: Project awarded at the February 10th Township Committee meeting. Only the Woman’s Room shower will be upgraded based on available funds. Pre-Construction Meeting was held March 9th. Shop drawings were submitted and are under review. Women’s Room Shower area was cleared out March 21st so contractor can perform investigative demolition.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II: Project was advertised on March 15th and 16th with a bid opening date of April 5th.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III: Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV: Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.

Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field: Flood Hazard Area Verification and LOI submitted to the NJDEP on October 12th. Received Flood Hazard Verification dated January 10, 2022. Still waiting on LOI approval.

Malapardis Tennis Court Resurfacing: Bid opening was December 14, 2021. No bids received. Need to reevaluate scope of work for re-bid.

Bee Meadow Park turf Field: Ordinance appropriating funding and Resolution authorizing consulting services adopted at the March 10th Township Committee meeting. Meeting needs to be scheduled with B.A. to discuss project bidding/award options.

At the conclusion of the Engineering report, a conversation followed regarding alternate options for resurfacing the Malapardis Tennis Courts.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Asst. Supt. Quirk reported on the following:

Basketball: Both travel and recreation basketball are finished for the 2020 season. There was a tremendous amount of positive feedback from parents. We have invited the recipients of the Sportsmanship Award to be recognized by the Commissioners at the April 19th meeting. The Pat Sages Leadership award will also be presented to the recipient who showed leadership qualities throughout the season as well as coming up through the program. Their name will also be added to the plaque in the lobby of the Community Center.

Bee Meadow Swim Team: Currently there are 91 swimmers registered for try-outs. Asst. Supt. Quirk mentioned how successful the Zoom meetings have been for parent information meetings. He noted there were 21 parents logged into the meeting. When meetings are in person turnout is extremely low. Quirk suggested continuing parent meetings in the Zoom format. The official start of the season begins June 2 and runs through August 1.

Spring Field Reports: After talking with Department of Public Works (DPW) both yesterday and today, it appears the April 1st opening date will stand for opening fields. Supt. Quirk noted that he cannot get the AED’s on the fields until the temperature remains above freezing.

Commissioner Brueno asked if the schedule for emptying the garbage and recycling bins can be changed to Fridays and Mondays as opposed to the current one-day schedule. Mr. Brueno finds the trash overflowing when he in the parks over the weekends.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Supt. Brennan reported on the following:

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg hunt will be held at Malapardis Park on Saturday, April 9th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. In addition to the hunt there will be a “Bunny Beauty Parlor” where the children can get their noses and whiskers painted, as well as a carrot toss game. The event will not be rescheduled if it rains, but we will find a way to distribute the eggs.

Summer Camps: Supt. Brennan distributed hands outs for camp including the schedules and suggested fees.

Summer Plus is open to those in grades 1-6. The camp begins June 27 and runs through August 5. Since the camp will be held at Black Brook Park, the park will be closed to the public while the kids are there. There will be three 2-week sessions. Maximum participation is 60 per each session.

The Travelling Teens program is broken up in two 2-week sessions and is open to students entering grades 7-9.

Once rates are approved registration will go online. As with all Recreation programs, the fees are "break-even". While Recreation does not make money, we cannot lose money.

Wildcats: We are waiting on the coaches to finalize the schedules.

A motion was made by Committeeman Mihalko to approve the fee schedule for Summer Plus, Travelling Teens, and Wildcats. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion, (with the exception of the second "L" in travelling.) All in favor, motion carried.

Summer Concerts: Supt. Brennan announced this year we will have a concert at the Bee Meadow Pool. Parrot Beach will play on June 17 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. It will be open to pool members, their guests, and Hanover Township residents. The concession stand will be open that evening.

The remaining three concerts will include the B-Street Band on July 11th, Five Wheel Drive on July 18th, and the Kootz on July 25th.

Bee Meadow Pool Report: Supt. Brennan distributed a report showing the comparison (to date) for the last three years. Although down a bit from last year at this time, we are over the previous two years. The swipe cards have worked out well at the pool with the WIFI stick, and we will continue to use that system for check-in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alcohol Consumption in the Parks: Supt. Brennan explained that there have been requests for picnics and fundraisers that will allow alcohol consumption in the parks. The current Ordinance does not allow alcohol, however you can ask for a special permit. Quirk clarified that there are two different ordinances regarding alcohol consumption. The Alcohol Ordinance says the Township Committee has the right to approve the use, while the Parks Ordinance says the Recreation Commission makes the approval. Supt. Brennan and Asst. Supt. Quirk will work with Chief Lock to update the ordinances so they don't conflict. Tonight we need to decide whether to waive the ordinance for these permits while we work on updating the current ordinance. As with everything, the recommendation comes from the Recreation Commission to the Township Committee. Supt Brennan added the reason Chief Lock is involved is to set up security to prevent accidents. Quirk added that it should be taken into account that the Parks are Green Acres. Therefore, whatever we do for residents, the same will have to be done for all. Ultimately it was decided that Committeeman Mihalko will have the issue put on the Township Committee's agenda for discussion on Thursday.

OTHER:

Healthy Kids Running: Supt. Brennan told the Commissioners that Recreation is partnering with another organization to run a new program, Healthy Kids Running. The program is open to kids ages 2 – 14. The program begins May 1st and runs for 5 weeks at the High School track from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon, with assistance from parent volunteers.

Pat Sages Basketball Tournament: COVID unfortunately delayed running the Pat Sages Basketball Tournament. Both Asst. Supt. Quirk and Supt. Brennan spoke with Jay Hersh who coordinates Recreation’s basketball program to see if he could jump start this event and get it up and running

Black Brook Basketball Court: Commissioner Brueno asked if Supt. Brennan would please contact the Engineering Department and ask them to take a look at the basketball courts at Black Brook Park.

Closed session to approve summer hires was tabled until April 19, 2022 meeting.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:

Alternate Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers from the March 10, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alternate Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Committeeman Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alternate Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dinah Schill
Board Secretary**

