

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2021**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Chairman 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: M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, G. Salese, R. Brueno, Alternate Commissioner C.J. Engelberger, Chairman Coiley, Asst. Superintendent T. Quirk, Supt. D. Brennan

Absent: Committeeman Mihalko, Commissioner Berkenkamp, and Alternate Commissioner T. Tasso

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Terri Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany section of Hanover reminded the Commissioners to Contact the Morris County Mosquito Commission prior to any outdoor events. She explained the mosquitos are rapidly breeding. Chairman Coiley explained all that maintenance and upkeep is done through the Department of Public Works, but would share that information with the other department.

In addition, Ms. Baird asked for help with a problem. She explained she lives near the third pond where trails are being added. She asked if the trails have been clearly marked because she has become unnerved by people walking off the path and into her back yard all the way up to the back of her house. She tried to remedy the problem on her own by putting up signs, spending hundreds of dollars to keep people from trespassing on her property. She would like to know if the trails can be marked more clearly. Chairman Coiley said they would be happy to make that recommendation for her.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide/Rock Wall: Project Complete. Modification of the slide support system to eliminate anchor pullout has been completed. Anchors will need to be monitored to ensure that the modification was successful.

Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation: The Ordinance for the project was introduced at the May 13th Township Committee Meeting and adopted at the June 10th Township Committee Meeting. Facility plans were sent to the consultant on June 3rd in order for them to prepare the design plans. Renovation to be completed prior to the opening of the pool for the 2022 season.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II: The Flood Hazard Area and Wetland Permit Applications were sent to the NJDEP on June 10th.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III: Proposal for design has been approved. Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV: Proposal for design has been approved. Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP.

Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field: Proposal for Environmental Investigation approved and Purchase Order prepared April 26th. Consultant's survey crew has been out on site to perform the partial topographic survey field work within the park property. Wetland delineation and additional survey work still needed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Re-Cap of Turf Field Presentation from last month: Supt. Brennan displayed posters for the proposed multi-purpose turf fields from the presentation by the company Field Turf at the prior meeting in May. Chairman Coiley answered questions from the public as well as those Commissioners who were not at the previous meeting. Supt. Brennan said we are waiting for the survey report in order to move forward.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Asst. Supt. Quirk reported on the following:

Girls LAX End of Season: There was concern about the program at the start of the season due to challenges out of our control. However, the coaching staff (including Lindsay Klymko, Brittany Heffler, Vinny LaRocco, and Jay Kirschbaugh) pushed through and did a great job. At the end of season party the girls and parents were happy and said they would be returning next season.

Supt. Brennan said that we will be adding a girls LAX clinic some time over the summer. She also added there will be a Leadership Award that will be presented in September.

Girls Swim Team: Currently there are 109 registered team members. There is a new strong Board this year and everything is coming together very well.

HTYFL Family Fun Day: Hanover Township Youth Football League had a great turnout for their Family Fun Day on May 23rd. There was participation from other groups such as the Police Benevolent Association, Fire Department, and the Cheer Squad to name a few.

Boating Licensing Class: The class was originally scheduled to be held outside, however because of the extreme heat it was moved inside of the Community Center. It was a good turnout, however there were more out of town registrants than in town. The class was run by NJ Boats and they could accommodate a maximum of 35 participants. Unfortunately for us, they advertised prior to our flyer being distributed and there were already 18 registrations before our residents were aware of the program. It would have been preferable if we were able to have more Hanover Township residents participate in the program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Summer Plus: The summer program is being held this year at Black Brook Park and is licensed by the State Department of Health rather than when the camp is run in the school. That license came from the Dept. of Youth and Family Services. Supt. Brennan met with the State and we are in good shape. A meeting with Lieutenant Mike Loock was held to work out a drop off/pick up plan. The final plan will be sent to the parents before camp begins.

New this year, since we are licensed by the State we need a camp doctor. The doctor does not have to be on site, but someone to call in an emergency. We were able to get Dr. Mike Kelly from Florham Park (the same doctor used by the schools.) The fee is \$1,500.00

Travelling Teens: Registration for the first session is doing well. However, the second session is a little light. In hopes of increasing registration we opened the program up to incoming 10th graders.

Wildcat Camps: Currently volleyball registration is low, but the rest are doing well with between 15-30 registrations. The Wildcats are also licensed under the State Department of Health.

Summer Concert Series: Supt. Brennan was happy to announce that Wegmans has returned as a sponsor for the concerts. In addition to Wegmans other sponsors include Morristown Municipal Airport, Hartz Mountain, Preferred Business Systems, Lever Last Floors, and new this year, Pearly Whites. There is enough sponsorship to run the concerts this year. There won't be a concert on July 5th because it is a holiday. However, on July 12th we will have a Family Variety Show, July 19th is the B-Street Band, and July 26th the Kootz. Something to think about

is the possibility of having a concert at the end of the season at the Pool. Chairman Coiley asked if it would be open to residents who are non-members. Supt. Brennan said that yes, but only residents. She emphasized it is only in the planning stage at this point.

BEE MEADOW POOL:

Membership Report: Supt. Brennan announced there are currently a total of 739 membership to date with \$255,000.00 in revenue. We were originally told we had to meet a total of \$220,000. However, after the audit we were told last year we operated at a deficit making that number is a bit higher. But we are doing great. The \$255,000.00 does not include camps, swim lessons, guest fees, or the August reduced rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hanover Township Day: Supt. Brennan and Asst. Supt. Quirk met with the Police, the two Fire Departments, the Boards of Health, and Department of Public Works to discuss Hanover Township Day (HTD.) As all are aware, the fireworks were moved to HTD because we did not know what the gathering numbers would be in July. HTD will be held on September 18th. There was some confusion because some of the departments thought we were doing HTD at Malapardis Park and the fireworks here. Supt. Brennan confirmed everything is going to be held here at the Municipal Campus.

Some things will remain the same and others will change. The biggest change will be to HTD. The time will be from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fireworks will begin around 7:30 p.m. Groups will be set up in the side parking lot to do their demonstrations. The corn can be cooked right inside the Community Center and brought outside. Thereby eliminating all the extra set up required to cook outside.

The Police will close Jefferson Road at noon. Stoney Brook will be used for handicapped parking and parking at the field. Unfortunately, we cannot do paddle boats this year because the Fire Department says it is not safe in this pond. Food trucks will be set up on the parking lot of the Municipal building.

If it rains on September 18th the fireworks will be the next day. There is no rain date for HTD. It will either be September 18th or will not be held.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the May June 10th meeting. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18th meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary