

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Terri Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany introduced herself and stated she was there because she had questions regarding the trails around the ponds. She asked the Commissioners how the trails will connect with Patriot's Path, how the paths will relate to Connectivity, as well as questioned them about mosquito issues.

The Commissioners answered her questions that related to the Recreation Commission and advised her on who she could contact for answers to her questions relating to other organizations and/or committees.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were Commissioners: G. Salese, P. Berkenkamp, R. Brueno, M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman M. Mihalko, , and Supt. D. Brennan.

Tom Quirk, Program Coordinator/ Assistant to the Superintendent (PC/AS) was absent.

Everyone who attended the meeting 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.

CORRESPONDENCE: Superintendent Brennan shared an email from resident Nadia Meehan, 401 Monroe Court, Whippany about the possibility of adding a small park in the green space next to Monroe Hall with some play equipment for children. A discussion will follow later in the meeting during new business.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committeeman Mihalko thanked Supt. Brennan on behalf of the Committee for the excellent fireworks at the Patriotic Celebration and the first three Summer Concerts at Brick Yard.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase II: installation complete

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide: Under design. Need direction from Joseph Giorgio regarding proprietary products. Anticipate installation in the fall of this year.

Basketball Court: Completion of plans and specifications anticipated end of June with installation this summer

Malapardis Park Tennis Court Resurfacing: Completion of specifications anticipated end of July with installation this summer.

Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase III: Need Recreation Commission's intention to install additional chairs.

Bee Meadow Pool Deck Repairs: Met with contractor today to discuss possible repairs to trip hazards. Survey crew will be on site tomorrow to gather information on scope of work. Work to be completed prior to full time pool opening.

Bee Meadow Park Playground Installation: Trees removed and area excavated for installation. Installation of playground equipment is ongoing.

Veteran's Park Sidewalk for Playground: Brian Foran to coordinate installation of ADA ramp with contractor. Installation of sidewalk cannot proceed until ramp is installed.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT: In the absence of PC/AS Tom Quirk, Supt. Brennan gave an update on the following:

Swim Team: Upcoming meets are scheduled and posted on the website. Season is going well. Supt. Brennan extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the end of year banquet on July 25th.

Youth Public Safety Academy: The 14 registrants had a successful two week camp with many exciting activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Camps: The Travelling Teens camp is finishing up the second week of the first session.

Drama Camp: 21 children participated in the Drama Camp. Their production of 101 Dalmations will be held on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th.

Pool Report: Membership is up marginally from last year. Beginning August 1st there is a 40 percent reduction in the cost of membership. After August 19th daily passes are available for anyone who would like to attend. Supt. Brennan would like to discuss the possibility of a corporate membership at the pool wrap up meeting in October.

Bee Meadow Pool Events: The Cardboard Boat Regatta was held this past weekend. There were twelve boats participating in the event.

Mold Remediation: Supt. Brennan gave an update on the mold remediation in the Community Center. Everything was taken out of the Landmark Room and cleaned, then stored in a POD until the Landmark Committee can put it back in place. Supt. Brennan told the Commissioners she brought the issue of moving those items from that room into a safer location. Even though the Commissioners all feel those valuable items would be better served in safer location with less chance of any damage, that will not be the outcome. This room is designated for Landmark.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament: Supt. Brennan and PC/AS Quirk met with Pat Sages' son regarding the Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament. The family would like the tournament held on Saturday, November 9th. Recreation will be moving forward with plans for this event.

Charity Classic: This event will take place on Saturday, August 10th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., rain date Sunday, August 11th. Hanover Township Little League will be there to do warm up with Bayer and Wegmans. The family of Pat Sages will be present the donation of AEDs

There will be a concert following the event at 4:00 p.m. sponsored by Care One.

Joint Masquerade at Malapardis Event: Supt. Brennan presented the idea of a joint Halloween event to the PTA. They declined as they feel it is not an event that builds the community of their School. They would like for each school to continue with their own event.

Playground at Bee Meadow Ribbon Cutting: The ribbon cutting ceremony will most likely take place sometime in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

PBA Request for use of Veterans Park:

The PBA has requested use of Veterans field on Saturday, October 5th from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a Seafood Truck & Brewfest fundraising event. This request also includes a single day liquor license. After a lengthy discussion **a motion was made by Commissioner Berkenkamp to deny the use of Veterans field but look for an alternate location, seconded by Commissioner Salese. Seven votes yes, one abstention. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Brueno to approve a single one-day liquor license by the PBA, seconded by Commissioner Monteverdi. Four votes yes, two opposed, one abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brueno to authorize use of an alternate site, not specifically Bee Meadow parking lot. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. Seven votes yes, one abstention. Motion carried.

Supt. Brennan will contact Township Administrator Joe Giorgio to advise him of the outcome.

Playground request at Monroe Hall:

The Commissioners discussed the request from Nadia Meehan about the possibility of adding a small park in the green space next to Monroe Hall with some play equipment for children. There was a suggestion to move the viable swing set from Brick Yard to Monroe Hall. However Supt. Brennan shared a discussion she had with Brian Foran prior to the meeting. He told her he felt it was not a good idea. He feels there is not enough adequate room or parking for a playground. Committeeman Mihalko noted there is Salem Drive School playground Ms. Meehan and other families from that area could easily access through a path behind the school. Supt. Brennan will follow up with a phone call to see if she is aware of the Salem Drive playground.

Application for Alternate Recreation Commissioner: Tyler Passero, 24 Hamilton Court, Whippany met with the Recreation Commission to discuss the position of Alternate Recreation Commissioner. Mr. Passero is a graduate of Kutztown University with a degree in Sports Management & Athletic Management with a minor in coaching.

CLOSED: Chairman Coiley made a motion to close the meeting to the public at 8:45 p.m.

Chairman Coiley read the following statement:

Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 of the Law of 1975, which provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the public body discussed certain matters from which confidentiality is required as permitted by Section 7b of the Act.

1. The following matter of Personnel is to be discussed by the Recreation Commission on a confidential basis as provided in Section 7b of the Act.
2. The matter will be considered at this time and the public shall not be admitted to this discussion.
3. The result of the discussion set forth above, to be conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public, if possible, when the meeting is reconvened.

OPEN AND ADJOURNED:

The meeting came out of closed session at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

Bob Brueno moved to recommend the appointment of Tyler Passero as the 1st Alternate as Recreation Commissioner. Peter Monteverdi seconded the motion. The vote to approve Mr. Passero for the appointment was 4 -3. The motion carried. Superintendent Brennan will inform Administrator Giorgio.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the August 8, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brueno made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2019 meeting . Commissioner Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Brueno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monteverdi. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary