

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Wednesday, September 15th, 2015 at the Community Center.

Everyone who attended said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Comms. G. Salese, P. Sages, M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, P. Berkenkamp, Chairman J. Coiley, and Supt. D. Brennan. Also in attendance was Program Coordinator Tom Quirk.

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 to the following newspaper: The Morris County Daily Record and filing same with the Township Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Purchase orders that were approved at the September 10th, 2015 Township Committee Meeting.

The September Senior Scoop.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC—None

CORRESPONDENCE—None

ENGINEERING REPORT—None

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT—Tom stated that all of the fall programs are beginning this week or the next. He indicated that some have low enrollment and might have to be pushed back a week.

Chairman Coiley recommended that they post it on the Hanover Township Facebook page.

Fingerprint Update—Tom stated concerning background checks, they have a balance of \$700 in the budget and of the \$700, \$250 is accounted for. This leaves a balance of \$440 which will not be enough for the rest of the background checks for the fall and winter sports.

(Comm. Brueno entered the meeting at 7:40pm.)

Ticket Sales for New York Jets—Tom stated that Recreation is running a bus trip to see the New York Jets versus the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, September 27th, 2015 for a 1 o'clock game. He indicated that there are still tickets available.

Supt. Brennan stated that she did a notice on Capturepoint indicating that there will be a parents' basketball meeting on Tuesday, September 28th. She said that they will discuss volunteering for the program and also the possibility of setting up a board.

Introduction to Public Safety—Tom stated that they are moving ahead with the Public Safety Program for seventh and eighth grade. He indicated that Bob Mooney, the acting superintendent for the Hanover Township Board of Ed, is in favor of the program.

Tom stated that the mayor sent Supt. Brennan and him his concerns about the storm season. He indicated that he asked them if they could do some kind of generator safety class for the resident seniors.

Cedar Knolls Tree Lighting Ceremony—Tom stated that at the last Cedar Knolls Fire Department meeting, they said that in conjunction with the fire commissioners, they will be having a tree lighting ceremony which will include Santa Claus.

Supt. Brennan asked if they could reschedule it for any other day except December 5th, 2015.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Comm. Brueno stated that in terms of money this year, they budgeted for a turf field. He indicated that they talked about having an open meeting with the public to discuss field usage. He went on to say that they do not yet have enough money encumbered to do a complete project, so it would be too premature to have a meeting.

Comm. Brueno stated that they also budgeted for a permanent snack bar.

Supt. Brennan stated that they did put \$175,000 for a restroom/concession stand at the Brickyard Field. She asked Dave Leo to have a site evaluation done before they move ahead.

Chairman Coiley concurred with her recommendation.

SUPERINTENDENTS'S REPORT

Hanover Township Day—Supt. Brennan stated that they got positive feedback concerning the 2015 Hanover Township Day. She reviewed the entire event from the rides to the food they offered. She indicated that, in spite of the weather, it was well attended.

Supt. Brennan stated that they did an outstanding job of preplanning and executing the day but not so well during the cleanup. She indicated that they had three supervisors and three workers to set up and stay. She went on to say that they need a fresh crew who comes in at the end of the event to do the after cleaning.

Comm. Brueno stated that they need to talk to Brian Foran and see how things can be done in a more efficient way

Chairman Coiley stated that he also received complaints about the restrooms at Malapardis. He indicated that they need to be renovated.

Supt. Brennan stated that they could include it in the 2016 budget.

Masquerade at Malapardis—Supt. Brennan stated that the “Masquerade at Malapardis” event will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 2 to 4pm for ages up to and including ten years old.

Zombie Walk—Supt. Brennan stated that they will also be having a “Zombie Walk”, in cooperation with the Substance Awareness Council, on Friday, October 30th from 7 to 8:30pm.

Supt. Brennan stated that due to the delay in the field construction at Whippany Park High School, their football team will play three games at the Brickyard Field. She indicated that the dates are September 26th, October 10th and October 17th. She sent on to say that the rain date is the following day.

Supt. Brennan stated that the high school will cover the cost of a DPW worker to cover the pool’s restrooms and clean up. She indicated that the teams will use the locker rooms and the referees will use the guard room.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee—Supt. Brennan stated that the finance committee did not meet. She stated that they need to set a date to discuss proposed recreation projects for 2016.

Pool Projects—Supt. Brennan stated that the main project for Bee Meadow Pool is fixing the baby pool. She indicated that it is leaking and the coping is cracked.

Chairman Coiley stated that she wanted to confirm with the Recreation Commission that everyone approved the construction of the recreation area and the diving board at the pool.

Everyone concurred that the decision was unanimous.

Shared Services—Supt. Brennan stated that the Shared Services committee has not met.

Chairman Coiley stated that Comm. Sages needs to write a letter to the Board of Education indicating what they would like to accomplish before the next agreement is drawn up in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Courtesy Signage—Chairman Coiley said that during his visit to Virginia, at their sporting events, they had courtesy signage that states anyone over 65 or pregnant, there were two parking spots set aside for them.

Comm. Coiley also stated that some of the bleachers at the parks have awnings over the bleachers for shade. He indicated that this is especially important to protect older people who are on medication which makes them sensitive to the sun.

NEW BUSINESS

New Program—Baseball Clinic—Tom stated that he received a request from Ken McPeek, the head of the physical education department at Memorial Jr. School, and Chris Becker the school's baseball coach, asking the recreation department to run a baseball clinic in November. He indicated that baseball is tapering off because children are losing interest in the game.

Tom stated that Mr. McPeek and Mr. Decker would like to have some clinics for children in grades third through fifth to spark some interest. He indicated that it would run for six weeks.

All approved.

Stipend for Ski Club—Supt. Brennan stated that township resident, Peter Messina, has been a ski chaperone for many years. She indicated that she was recommending that he should receive a stipend for being the head chaperone.

All approved Peter Messina be stipend \$100 a week for five weeks.

Supt. Brennan stated that the ski enrollment was substantially down this past year. She indicated that they only had one bus go up to Shawnee.

Silver Award Project—Supt. Brennan stated that that a girl from town is doing her Girl Scout Silver Award and would like to hang bluebird houses at Central Park. She indicated that it would be in conjunction with DPW.

All approved.

Girls' Self Defense—Supt. Brennan stated that the American Martial Arts karate school would like to offer a Jr. High girls self-defense program. She indicated that she will be meeting with the instructor to discuss the program.

MINUTES AND PURCHASE ORDERS

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18th, 2015 meeting. Comm. Sages seconded it. All approved.

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the purchase orders from the September meeting. Comm. Brueno seconded it. All approved.

CLOSED

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45pm. Comm. Brueno seconded it. All approved.

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 Section 7b of the Act.

1. The following matter of Personnel is to be discussed by the Recreation Commissioner 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 ADJOURN

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to re-open the meeting at 9:20pm. Comm. Giorgio seconded it. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O. Colton

Recording Secretary