

## **MARCH 23, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Monday, March 23, 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. Monteverdi, P. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, R. Brueno, Chairman J. Coiley, Program Coordinator T. Quirk, and Supt. D. Brennan. Comm. P. Sages arrived after attendance was taken.

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, Whippany and posting such notice to the following newspaper: Morris County Daily Record and filing same with the Township Clerk.

### **CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED**

The March Senior Scoop.

Purchase orders that were approved at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supt. Brennan stated that she received a letter from Jennifer Adkins, who is in charge of the Hanover Township School's After Care program, requesting usage of Bee Meadow Pool over the summer. She indicated that they are the same days as last year.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Comm. Brueno seconded it. All approved.

Michael Czuchnicki, Chairman of the Landmark Commission, introduced himself and stated that he resides on Oak Boulevard in Cedar Knolls New Jersey.

Mike stated that Hanover Township is having a tri-centennial celebration this year. All the events would be honoring the 300 year anniversary. As background information, Mike stated that the Iron Forge was located on the corner of Route 10 and Whippany Road. He indicated that it was the first iron forge in all of Northwest New Jersey.

Mike stated that Landmark would like to start off the celebration by having a horseshoe contest at Hanover Township Day on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Mike stated that on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 there will be an owner invite to the Fordville mansion on Ford Hill Road. He indicated that this house was the builder's mansion.

Mike stated that the Hanover Wind Symphony will perform on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 performing all iron music.

Mike requested to hold a forum on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 which will be about the 300 years of history and will be held Memorial Jr. School. He indicated that this is the second forum; the first forum was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at the Community Center. He indicated that approximately 200 people attended the event. Mike stated that the report included the pros and cons of their forum last November. He made some recommendations for the Recreation Commission to be aware of for the future including a drop down screen and a projector.

Comm. Coiley stated that concerning Hanover Township Day, Landmark would have to get their own volunteers for the horseshoe contest.

Mike stated that another item he wanted to address is building a handball court at Upper Malapardis Park.

Comm. Brueno stated that there is already a handball court at Black Brook Park.

Mike stated that a resident, Therese Swala, had an uncle who served during WWII and his name is not listed on the monument at town hall.

Comm. Coiley stated that George Coppola is on the Veterans Alliance Committee in town and that he needs to get in touch with him.

They all thanked Mike for attending the meeting.

### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Comm. Brueno stated that Governor Christie will be visiting Hanover Township tomorrow, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Community Center. He indicated that the doors will open at 12:30pm and the town hall meeting will begin at 2pm.

Supt. Brennan stated that the big room is all set up by the governor's staff and assisted by DPW. She indicated that the Recreation Office will be closed for business.

Comm. Brueno stated that the Township Committee has budgeted \$90,000.00 for 2015 and will be set aside for a turf field. He indicated that they have to decide at what location they will turf.

Comm. Brueno stated that Denise will be getting estimates for the various possible locations which include the Brickyard field and Stoneybrook soccer field.

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Senior Golf Outing—Tom stated that the Senior Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Rolling Greens Golf Club in Newton. He indicated that the cost will be \$65.00 which includes a continental breakfast, a BBQ dinner, beverages, a golf shirt, and prizes.

New York Yankees—Tom stated that they will be running a trip to see the New York Yankees on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He indicated that it is “Old Timers” Day and that the cost is \$110.00 for the ticket and transportation.

**SUPERINTENDENT' S REPORT**

Hoppin Down the Bunny Trial—Supt. Brennan stated that their “Hoppin Down the Bunny Trial” event was held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 12noon. She indicated that it was a huge success with about 200 children in attendance.

Recreation Open House—Supt. Brennan stated that their open house was held on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 1 to 4:30pm and approximately 60 people attended. She indicated that there was a lot of interest in the specialty camps, the pool, Summer Plus, and the Traveling Teens programs.

Conference Reports—NJRPA and Tri State Camp Conference—Supt. Brennan stated that she attended the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Convention in Atlantic City the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> and the Tri State Camp Conference last week. She indicated that both were very interesting and informative.

Supt. Brennan stated that Tom also attended the NJRPA Convention and took the Rutgers coaches class and is now Rutgers certified to teach. She indicated that she is also certified.

Fireworks—Supt. Brennan stated that she is happy to report that the Fourth of July Fireworks display will be held at Veteran’s Field on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. She indicated that spectators will be at the Community Center and Municipal Building’s parking lot.

Supt. Brennan stated that the bid opening for the fireworks will be held on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Touch-A-Truck—Supt. Brennan stated that the Touch-A-Truck event will be held on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1 to 3pm at the Brickyard Field.

**OLD BUSINESS**

First Aid Training—Tom stated that he attended a Fire Commissioners’ meeting and they agreed to pay for a first aid instructor for the evening instruction. He indicated that the other fire prevention board agreed to cover the cost of the equipment. Recreation will provide the location and the refreshments

Tom stated that the class will cover First Aid, CPR, and AED training. He indicated that now they have to decide who will take the course.

Fingerprinting For Volunteers—Tom stated that fingerprinting for volunteer coaches is moving forward and is on schedule.

Community Center Bathroom Drains—Supt. Brennan stated that they had an issue concerning the new drains in the bathrooms. She indicated that they were corroding due to the cleaning solution they were using.

Supt. Brennan stated that the trees behind Bee Meadow Pool were pruned and some were removed safety reasons.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Introduction to Public Safety—Tom stated that a joint program of an introduction to public safety will be offered to seventh and eighth grade children. He indicated that it will be a 90 minute instruction for six weeks and that police, fire, sheriff, and OEM staffs will be involved in the training.

Supt. Brennan stated that they will charge a fee so the applicants are committed to the program. She indicated that they will use the fee toward a graduation planned for the end of the course.

Board Review Proposal—Supt. Brennan stated Hanover Township has a good Recreation Commissioners' Board and a potential to have a great Recreation Commissioners' Board.

Supt. Brennan stated that she would like to have the Commissioners get more involved with their committee assignments.

Supt. Brennan stated that she would like them to take a tour of the township parks to see what needs to be done and then go back to the Community Center to discuss all of these issues.

Comm. Sages stated that they should have a more hands on involvement with the community.

Supt. Brennan stated that she would their meetings to be a little more structured and not spend a lot of time on reporting.

Supt. Brennan stated that she would like to know what the Recreation Commissioners' goals are. She indicated that she would like them to be a voice in the community to bring recreation to the residents' attention.

Shared Service Agreement—Supt. Brennan stated that the shared service agreement with the Board of Education needs to be discussed before 2016. Supt. Brennan stated that in their written policy, Recreation does not have priority for usage of the facilities and DPW/Recreation is doing all their field maintenance.

After a brief discussion Comm. Sages, Berkenkamp, and Chairman Coiley agreed to be on the sub-committee to discuss the shared service agreement.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND PURCHASE ORDERS**

Comm. Giorgio made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Comm. Berkenkamp seconded it. All approved.

Comm. Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers. Comm. Brueno seconded it. All approved.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O. Colton