

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in the Community Center.

Everyone who attended the meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were Commissioners : M. Giorgio, P. Sages, and G. Salese, Committeeman R. Brueno, Chairman J. Coiley , Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Brennan.

Absent were Commissioners P. Berkenkamp and P. Monteverdi.

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.

PUBLIC: Rocco Siino, 69 Countrywood Drive, Cedar Knolls, introduced himself as a member of Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) as well as a Board Member of Hanover Township Little League (HTLL.) He explained EDAC's role is to balance development and improving quality of life. He thanked members of the Recreation Commission who attended their last meeting. He felt they did an excellent job of clarifying many issues and found the information they provided to be very helpful. He noted one of the advantages that EDAC has is their partnerships with private entities around town that are looking to help sponsor programs, and other tangible benefits. EDAC is looking to Recreation to get some estimates for line items projects and estimates in order assist with private dollars instead of using public funds.

Speaking as a board member of HTLL Mr. Siino pointed out that a larger number of kids are aging into 50-70 fields. Currently Malapardis field is the only intermediate sized field. There seems to be a movement with older kids outgrowing the smaller fields but are not ready for the large fields. HTLL would like to see three teams playing on Intermediate fields next year , up from two teams last year. The problem is that although the numbers are growing, and the interest is there, it's hard with just one field.

Mr. Siino stated he comes with two requests from the HTLL Board. First, they would like to see a scoreboard at Malapardis field. He explained that In order to play Williamsport 50-70 games a scoreboard is required. Right field Malapardis would be an ideal spot. In order to accommodate a 50-70 field you must have portable mounds, and base posts must be mobile. Both are at Malapardis, making the only other requirement a score board . HTLL would like to see that happen.

The next request is for a second intermediate field. HTLL feels the best location would be Whippany West by the Calais School. All that would be needed is to create a few extra feet in the outfield by moving dirt from the infield, installing pins in the ground for bases, and purchase a portable mound.

Mr. Siino hopes that looking forward to next year it will keep the kids involved as opposed to going to club teams.

Chairman Coiley noted that keeping these kids playing is what Recreation and SAC want to see happen.

Supt. Brennan asked Mr. Siino if he had an estimate for the cost of a scoreboard. Mr. Siino felt it would be approximately \$3,000.00, but that does not include installation and other associated costs. Supt. Brennan asked Mr. Siino to send her the information he has collected.

Committeeman Brueno stated he felt a scoreboard was a reasonable and realistic request and the Committee would contact Robin Dente for sponsorship ideas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vouchers approved at June 9 Township Committee Meeting.

Senior Scoop.

Thank you letter from the Mother's Club along with a \$75.00 donation in thanks for using the Community Center.

Thank you letter from Whippany VW Post 155 for the donation of t-shirts.

Thank you letter from the Health Department thanking Recreation for helping make the Family Expo a big success.

Township Committee Report:

Committeeman Brueno reported that as Mr. Siino mentioned earlier there was a meeting with EDAC and they are taking an interest in upgrading fields.

A priority for next year is the installation of turf fields. Money from the Capital Budget this year went into road improvement. It has been several years since any roads have been paved. Next year the plan is to redirect money into the fields.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Supt. Brennan read a note from Dave Leo stating: A kick off meeting was held with the design consultant on March 29th. As a result of that meeting the Suburban Consultant Engineers emailed the revised layout with sample projects on April 7; floor plans and elevation on April 13; and a revised cost estimate on April 14th. That information was forward to various members of the Recreation Commission. Currently, Suburban is waiting direction from th Recreation Commission on where they would like to go with the project. Following are questions that need to be answered in order to put the project out for bid.

1. What exactly do you want in the kitchen?
2. Do you want to include conduit or make provisions for security cameras?
3. Façade; brick or stone front?

4. Are you set on the need for 4 stalls for ladies, 2 stalls for men and 2 urinals, and extending another four feet to include a family rest room?
5. Any consideration to use a smaller building than the one originally looked at?

Supt. Brennan recommended putting additional money into the Capital Budget for next year and add it to the \$375,000 already in the budget. It would be preferable to her to get everything in the kitchen at the same time rather than a little at a time.

The second item on the Engineers report was regarding the Bee Meadow wading pool. All bids were in excess of the funding allocated for the wading and main pool. The project is out for rebid. Bid opening is scheduled for July 6 with completion of work by April 28, 2017. The scope of project has been reduced to only include improvements and repairs in the wading pool.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Girls LAX: Season officially over. We were at a disadvantage of not having turf fields as other teams were not cooperative to schedule make-up games. Letters were sent to the coaches asking for return of uniforms. There will be an end of season wrap up meeting with all coaches.

Basketball: A basketball planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening. There remains concern due to Dianne Jones retiring from the program.

Agreement with Jets: The Jets have offered Hanover Township Residents discounted tickets for selected games by using a link they will provide.

Golf: The golf outing has been postponed until September 19, 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan recounted an incident involving a 7 year old boy who was hurt at Bee Meadow Pool. Apparently the child was climbing up a slide, changed his mind and tried to come back down. He missed a step and fell hitting the back of his head. The child never lost consciousness and remained alert. He was brought to MMH for observation. The EMT's stated the Manager, Eddie Cashen and his staff were *outstanding!* Eddie does a lot of drills with his staff so everyone was calm, the area was controlled, and everyone knew exactly what to do. Supt. Brennan feels it is a testimony to the outstanding job done by Eddie Cashen.

CAMP: Summer Plus starts on Monday and is sold out.

FIREWORKS: Will be held on June 29th at Veterans Field. There will be a variety of food vendors and games. The Knights of Columbus are helping with the buses and will be stationed at satellite parking areas. The Board of Education is providing five 52-seat buses. This year Mondelez has been added as a designated parking area as a precaution to stop people from crossing Route 10.

OLD BUSINESS:

FEES FOR NON-PROFIT: The Girl Scouts have requested to have their fee waived. Committeeman Brueno noted the Commissioners made the decision not to waive fees for non-profit because there are

costs associated with events that need to be covered. In order to waive the non-profit fee for the Girls Scouts they would be required to do Community Service within the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of Bill Brittle: The Commissioners will acknowledge Bill Brittle's 40 plus years of service at Hanover Township during the September meeting.

Concert Sponsorship Tiers: Supt. Brennan asked the Committee for recommendations to differentiate between different monetary sponsorship levels. Currently all sponsors receive signage, a table at the concert, and a plaque presented onstage.

Dial A Ride Drivers: Arrangements have been made with East Hanover to provide Hanover Township with Dial A Ride drivers during the Summer when there is a need.

The Red Bulls are having their Youth Festival Day on July 18th. They will not be having a reception this year.

CLOSED: Committeeman Brueno made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Comm. Giorgio 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 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 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

Comm. Giorgio made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Sages seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Recording Secretary