

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 23, 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, P. Montiverdi, G. Salese, Chairman J. Coiley , Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Brennan.

Committeeman Brueno was absent.

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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The bid to install hydraulic and non-hydraulic outdoor gym equipment at Central Park was awarded in the amount of \$35,367.00. Funds will come from Open Space. Installation will begin in about a month.

Repairs to the Recreation parking lot will begin next week.

FALL FIELD MEETING RECAP: Supt. Brennan reported a meeting was held earlier this evening for Fall field scheduling. Everyone got their requested field time.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Program Coordinator Tom Quirk recapped the Golf Outing cancellation. It was noted that several Hole Sponsors donated funds to be used for Hanover Township Day rather than receive a refund.

Fall programs have been scheduled and the process is moving forward.

Men's Basketball has been verbally approved by the school for gym time. We are just waiting for the final paperwork.

Youth Basketball still needs a Board of Directors. A number of people are willing to help in leadership roles in grade level, but aren't looking to take on the entire responsibility. Commissioner Sages recommended reaching out to the schools to see if there is an Intern who might be willing to take on the responsibility.

We are waiting for Steve Barone to give a registration date for wrestling.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP DAY: Hanover Township Day is being held on Saturday, September 10th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, September 11th. Touch A Truck is being held from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Upper Malapardis Park. Activities will include horse carriage rides, paddle boats, face painting, four bounce houses, rock wall, and a trackless train. There will be ice cream and cotton candy. There is good representation from all the Hanover Township Clubs and Organizations. In addition, a big push for sign-up for Everbridge. Wegmans has donated hot dogs, rolls, and condiments, Pepsi two pallets of soda, and Quik Check will have a water station.

Supt. Brennan stated she was directed by the Mayor to bring before the Commission the ongoing issue of whether ShopRite can participate in Hanover Township Day. It is the decision of both the Mayor and the Committee that ShopRite should not be invited to participate while they have open lawsuits against the Township. The Mayor asked Supt. Brennan to bring the matter before the Recreation Commission and ask for their recommendation. There was a lengthy discussion about how this matter should be resolved. Ultimately the Commission felt that Shop Rite was not showing good faith by filing lawsuits which has been a huge expense to the taxpayers of Hanover Township. The Commissioners feel a letter should be sent, noting specifically that since they are in litigation with the town, causing a lot of hostility and bad feelings and taking tax money , the Township cannot accept anything from ShopRite at this time. It was agreed by all that if the Mayor approves the Commission's decision Commissioner Sages will draft a letter and Chairman Coiley will sign it.

MOVIE NIGHT: Supt. Brennan noted that she is working with the three elementary schools on a Movie Night to be held on September 30th at Malapardis Park. In the event of rain the event will be held at the Viking Gym.

MASQUERADE AT MALAPARDIS: Masquerade at Malapardis will be held on October 29, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

AED MEETING: Supt. Brennan stated there was a meeting with the family who founded the John Tyler Babbitt Foundation as a result of the loss of their son. The family was given a list of where all the Township's AED's are located including the ones the Foundation donated to Hanover Township. The family was very impressed with the cooperation the Recreation Department received from the Township including the Fire Department, Administration, and Public Works.

POOL REPORT: Supt Brennan noted that while the overall numbers for the pool income are up from last year she is disappointed that the number of Family Memberships has gone down from last year.

The bid for work at the baby pool was awarded to Ray Palmer for \$39,000.00. As soon as the pool is drained after Labor Day, the work will begin

Supt. Brennan advised the Commissioners that a Bee Meadow Pool (BMP) Member called her asking about a potential health issue due to swimming attire that was being worn into the pool. Supt. Brennan called the Health Department and was informed there was no health issue infraction regarding the swim attire. As a result Supt. Brennan will call the BMP member and advise them of the determination.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECOGNITION OF BILL BRITTLE: Supt. Brennan has invited recently retired Bill Brittle and his family to the September 20th meeting to recognize him for his years of service to the Recreation Department.

SCOREBOARD AT MALAPARDIS: Mr. Rocco Siino approached the Commissioners at the last meeting about installing a scoreboard for HTLL at Malapardis Park. At that time the Commission was advised the cost was approximately \$3,000 and that Wegmans had agreed to donate up to \$3,000.00. Upon further investigation it was discovered a more realistic cost for the scoreboard would be well over \$10,000. Robin Dente contacted Wegmans and let them know the revised estimate. Wegmans told her they would donate \$10,000 providing their logo was on the scoreboard and it would be the only logo on the scoreboard.

Supt. Brennan advised the Recreation Commission the decision is now decide if the cost goes over the Wegmans \$10,000 grant would Recreation be willing to make up the difference. The Commission remains hesitant because the scoreboard at Black Brook is rarely used, nor is it maintained properly. Chairman Coiley made the suggestion of looking into a multi-use scoreboard that could accommodate more than one sport. Commissioner Sages agreed that would be better use of the grant money. It was decided by the Commissioners that Supt. Brennan will advise Robin Dente that the Commission is interested but wants to look into the cost of a universal scoreboard. Once there is a dollar amount they will look for more donations and then make a decision.

SUBCOMMITTE REPORTS:

BATHROOM/CONCESSION STAND: Supt. Brennan advised the Commissioners that a decision had to be made about the concession stand and bathrooms at Brick Yard Field. Estimates were provided from Suburban Consulting Engineer for work in two categories. The first estimate was construction of 4 bathroom stalls, a family restroom, and the concession stand, totaling \$378,237. The second estimate was for 3 bathroom stalls, a family restroom and the concession, totaling \$236,000. The Commission unanimously voted to install 3 bathroom, family restroom, and concession stand. The next vote was for facing the building in brick or stone. The committee vote was 4 to 2 in favor of brick facing.

NEW BUSINESS: A letter will be mailed to Chairman Dugan at the Fire Commission to thank the Fire Department for providing training for AED and CPR training. Chairman Coiley will sign the letter.

CLOSED SESSION: Chairman Coiley made a motion to close the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. 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 9:30 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

Comm. Sages made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill