

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 20, 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. Monteverdi, G. Salese, Chairman J. Coiley , Committeeman R. Brueno, Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Brennan.

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:

There was a recognition ceremony for retired employee Bill Brittle acknowledging his forty-one plus years of service to the Hanover Township Recreation Department. He was presented with a plaque from the Commissioner's in the presence of his co-workers, former co-workers and family.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Committeeman Brueno thanked everyone for a great Hanover Township Day. He noted there were a lot of positive comments.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Revision of Fees: Program Coordinator Quirk recommended revising the Light Fees. He stated that while our fees are in line with what other towns charge he would recommend removing the three (3) hour minimum charge. With the new system in place the lights can be easily monitored for hourly usage. He noted that teams made up of 100% Hanover Township children are charged \$15.00 per hour, otherwise the charge is \$30.00 per hour. **A motion was made by Commissioner Berkenkamp to remove the three hour minimum charge and replace with a flat hourly charge, seconded by Chairman Brueno. All in favor with the exception of Chairman Coiley. Motion moved.**

Permit Season Change: Program Coordinator Quirk noted that he would like to restructure of the current “season dates” so they are in line and work better for the teams that use them. Supt. Brennan and Program Coordinator Quirk will ask for input from team coaches and work on changing the Ordinance.

Basketball: Men’s Basketball currently has 10 people registered. James Cammaro is responsible for making sure the players have registered and paid.

In-Town Basketball: Registration has started. Currently there is no Board. While individuals have agreed to coach at grade levels no one has agreed to assume the role of President of the League.

Travel Basketball: Program Coordinator Quirk has a meeting with the Coaches beginning in a few minutes in his office. Keith Cortright has agreed to take the lead, and Ted Knauss has agreed to be the League Representative.

Girls Basketball: To date there haven’t been any registrations.

Wrestling: Program Coordinator Quirk stated the wrestling calendar is set. He’s just waiting for a registration date and fee schedule from Steve Barone.

Ski Club: Registration is open. Pete Messina has agreed to another year as leader of the Ski Club. He noted he believes there will be a strong sixth grade interest this year. Supt. Brennan recommended a stipend paid to Mr. Messina again this year for his services to the program.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Supt. Denise Brennan reported there was a pre-construction meeting for the outdoor equipment at Central Park on September 14th. She noted she would like to participate in a program offered by the equipment company whereby the Township’s youth and PBA work together with a personal trainer. By participating in the program the Township gets a free piece of equipment.

On Friday, September 16th Supt. Brennan went to a pre-construction meeting for the baby pool. That work is scheduled to begin in about a week.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan took the opportunity to thank Jack Kobe for his help on Hanover Township Day. Jack took the lead and did an excellent job!

Supt. Brennan noted there was a serious problem this year with volunteer help. The office reached out to the youth volunteers at the high school, the Senior Organizations, put ads in

church bulletins, as well as a request for help in the Hanover Eagle. But ultimately there was a serious shortage of volunteer help at the event.

A suggestion was made to Supt. Brennan to move Hanover Township Day to the Bee Meadow Pool area and keep the pool open. She noted the location has the required parking area, field, pond, and pool. It was noted by Comm. Monteverdi that boats are not allowed on that pond due to electrical wires in the area.

Supt. Brennan felt disappointed that although there are many good programs available through Recreation and everyone does an excellent job of organizing, promoting and executing these events she is not getting the attendance she would like. Comm. Monteverdi stated the week after Labor Day is a very busy time and mentioned Youth Football, High School Football, and Soccer are all going on at that time. He suggested moving the date to June where not so much is going on, and added the benefit of show casing the pool before the season starts. Comm. Monteverdi suggested having a beer truck at the event as is done in other towns. Committeeman Brueno agreed it was a good idea and noted Florham Park brings in a huge number of participants. He suggested Supt. Brennan contact Florham Park and ask how they go through the permit process. She responded that she would.

Supt. Brennan asked Committeeman Brueno to bring the idea of moving the date for Hanover Township day to the Committee at their next meeting and ask how they would feel about making the change.

Supt. Brennan addressed the issue of running out of hot dogs. She explained Wegmans donated 1,200 hot dogs but for some reason not as many rolls. First the rolls ran out, and then the hotdogs. Last year we had 1,500 hot dogs but there were a lot left over, it's hard to judge from year to year what the number should be. Committeeman Brueno stated he felt as a rule we should go with 1,500 as opposed to the 1,200.

Supt. Brennan came in under the \$15K budget allotted for Hanover Township Day stating expenses totaled for this year totaled \$10K.

POOL REPORT: Supt. Brennan reminded everyone next month is the end of season report from the Finance Office.

This year all lifeguards over the age of 18 were fingerprinted. However, Supt. Brennan noted a fingerprint expense is not in the pool budget and should be added to the budget for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scoreboard at Malapardis: Supt. Brennan reported to the Commissioners, as directed by them she looked into pricing for a multi-sport scoreboard for Malapardis Park. The cost for just the scoreboard, without installation costs, is \$14,299.00. Although Wegmans has agreed to pay \$10K if their name is the only name on the scoreboard, the remaining balance would have to come from Recreation and or other sources. Before this expenditure is made it should be determined if there is a need for a scoreboard at Malapardis. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Malapardis is a field that is rarely used with approximately 10-15 baseball games does not justify the large expenditure from both Wegmans and Recreation. Committeeman Brueno will contact EDAC and advise them of the decision and for them to advise Wegmans that the Commission is looking into more appropriate options that would give them more visibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Recreation Calendar: The proposed 2017 Recreation Calendar was distributed for review. Supt. Brennan recommended combining the Fishing Contest with the Touch A Truck event as it is the same age group who would participate at both events. The Commissioners agreed combining both events would be a good idea. Supt. Brennan will look for a date that does not conflict with other events.

The Commission approved a recommendation asking the Township Committee to write an ordinance issuing a penalty fee for anyone who tampers or causes damage to an AED box.

Due to the League of Municipalities meeting dates being held this year on November 15-17, 2016, Supt. Brennan proposed moving the November Recreation Commission meeting date from Tuesday, November 15, 2016 to Monday, November 14, 2016. All agreed.

CLOSED SESSION: Chairman Coiley made a motion to close the meeting at 8:40 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 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill