

Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 18, 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. Monteverdi, Chairman J. Coiley , Committeeman R. Brueno, Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Brennan.

Absent were Commissioners Salese, Sages, and Berkenkamp.

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 : Supt. Brennan read a thank you letter from the Interfaith Food Pantry for the donation of 165 lbs. of watermelon.

POOL REPORT:

Silvio Esposito, Chief Financial Officer distributed copies of the 2016 Bee Meadow Pool Financial Report. He noted page one is a comparison of the 2016-2015 Budget. Year 2015 Surplus began at \$226,734 and in 2016 ends at \$253,325. Committeeman Brueno noted in terms of Budget the amount is up by \$15,000.00

Resident Family Memberships declined but overall revenue is up approximately \$14, 000.00. Mr. Esposito indicated that is due to the pool membership rate increase in 2016. Also noted was the increase in Non-Resident Memberships.

Edward Cashen, Pool Manager distributed copies of his Annual Pool Report. He noted everything went exceptionally well this year. Activities ran well, pool personnel worked diligently to check badges and Mr. Cashen felt that was reflected in the increase of guest fees this year. He also praised the lifeguard staff. There were a total of 14 saves. He attributes their competence to on-going training and practices.

Mr. Cashen also noted the concession stand management was excellent. They were open every hour the pool was open, they were never short staffed. Mr. Cashen also appreciated that management hired employees from within the town.

Recommendations and improvements include:

- Professionally caulk the main pool to repair expansion joints and repair cracks on the wall and floor.
- Professionally grind down trip hazards as opposed to patching as has been done over the years.
- Install Wifi. Not as expensive as originally thought it would be. The benefits would provide better communication between the pool and business office, communication with membership, parents could work at the pool from their laptops, etc.
- Make repairs to water slide steps and platforms.
- Add a 5- Meter Rock Wall to attract older kids and young adults. The cost would be approximately \$14,000. It's designed with safety features in place.
- Install shade structures around the baby pool as well as water features.
- Start phasing out portable lifeguard stands and replace with permanent stands.
- Continue to order additional chairs, tables, umbrellas.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Bee Meadow Park restrooms and concession stand will be ready for bid by the end of the month. Bids would be opened at the end of November and the work would begin in March.

Demolition has begun at the Bee Meadow Pool wading pool and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Footing excavation for the outdoor gym equipment has been completed and footings are being poured today. Work is expected to be completed the week of October 24th.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan brought to the attention of the Commissioners that with the retirement of Dianne Jones who ran the Basketball Program for many years, it has left vacancies that have not been filled. Both Program Coordinator Quirk and Supt. Brennan have worked to put a complete Board together but there are still positions that have not been filled. Supt. Brennan reached out to Jay Hersh, Hersch and Tomasco, and contracted them to run the evaluations and clinics. This will be an additional expense that was not anticipated when setting the fees. Eddie Cashen will update the basketball website.

- Travel Basketball – No girls team. For Boys there is a 5th grade team, 6th grade team and a 7th grade team.
- Recreation Basketball Grades 3-6 – Quirk contacted Florham Park about opening Girls Recreation Basketball open to Morris Plains. That would allow for playing more teams.
- Evaluations begin tomorrow for Grades 7-8 and again on October 25th.
- Staff AED Training was held today for Recreation Staff. In addition there were two participants from the Administration Building.
- Due to AEDs being temperature sensitive, they will have to be removed from the Parks. A Nixel/Everbridge notification will be going out to residents advising them that we will be

removing the AEDs now that the temperature is dropping. Supt. Brennan would like to put in the budget for 2017 one portable AED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Masquerade at Malapardis is scheduled for October 29th at Malapardis Park from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be eleven sponsored houses, Starbucks is donating hot chocolate, Wegmans is donating candy. There will be face painting and pumpkin painting. In the event of rain the event will be held at Memorial Junior School.
- We are planning a Chili Cook-Off , a new event will be advertised in the November E-Blast. The plan is to start accepting recipes beginning November 30th. Tasting will be on Friday, January 20th and will be open to the public. There will be a panel of five judges voting for their choice, as well as a fan favorite.
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town will be held on December 10th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The Bodyguard being held at the Paper Mill Playhouse on November 30th is sold-out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supt. Brennan recommended a stipend for Ski Club chaperone, Pete Messina. **A motion was made by Committeeman Brueno, seconded by Commissioner Giorgio to pay Pete Messina a stipend for the trips he chaperones for the Ski Club. All in favor.**

Special Event Fee: Tabled until November meeting.

Committeeman Brueno stated he wanted to revisit with the Committee, the request from Hanover Township Little League (HTLL) for a Scoreboard at Malapardis. Originally the Committee voted no on the issue as they felt there would not be enough usage to justify the cost and did not feel Wegmans donation would be put to good use since the scoreboard would only be used in the Spring. However, rather than deny the request altogether, the Committee looked into another option, a multi-use scoreboard that could be used for additional sports events . Committeeman Brueno noted that while estimate for a multi-use scoreboard was \$20K, Mr. Siino has an estimate for \$11.5K for a single use scoreboard. There was a discussion that followed on whether to pursue this issue. Ultimately it was decided that Committeeman Brueno would go to HTLL and see if they would be willing to fund the amount over the Wegmans donation. If they agreed he would then talk to Robin Dente about going back to Wegmans and see if they were still open to making the \$10K donation. Committeeman Brueno would advise the Committee of the results.

NEW BUSINESS: Supt. Brennan reviewed with the Commissioners items for consideration in the 2017 Budget and Capital Items. Under consideration are:

- adding lights at Veteran's field to the MUSCO system,
- purchase of two portable lights,
- equipment for the new concession stand, and a turf field.

Supt. Brennan reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 changed from the originally scheduled date of November 15, 2016.

Committeeman Brueno made a motion, seconded by Chairman Coiley to approve the Vouchers from October 13th. All in favor.

Committeeman Brueno made a motion, seconded by Chairman Coiley to approve the Minutes from September 20, 2016. All in favor.

Committeeman Brueno made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Giorgio. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill