

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Monday, November 14, 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, Pete Berkenkamp, Gabriella Salese, Chairman J. Coiley , Committeeman R. Brueno, Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Brennan.

Commissioner Sages arrived at 8:15 p.m.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Committeeman Brueno made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp, all approved.

Michael Halibej (158 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls), President of Hanover Township Little League (HTLL) and Scott Oswald (22 Birch Hill Road, Whippany) , Vice-President of Minors, Hanover Township Little League were present.

Michael Halibej made a request the Board to transform Malapardis Field into a 60-90 large baseball field. Currently HTLL plays 50-70 on that field, but outlined the benefits to HTLL if the field was increased to a full size baseball field. Specifically he noted two fields are needed to accommodate the Williamsport Division. He pointed out other towns are approximately 5 years ahead of HTLL, and there is a lot of catching up that needs to be done in order for the league to be successful. He feels the greatest benefit is to the kids as they outgrow the 50-70 field, but are not quite ready for the big field. The intermediate field will keep the kids playing.

Committeeman Brueno asked how much grass would need to be removed to accommodate the field size. Mr. Halibej stated he felt approximately 10-15 feet of outfield grass would need to be

removed. He also added that HTLL is in the process of changing over to magnetic bases at Black Brook Field and Veterans Field and they would do the same at Malapardis.

Commissioner Berkenkamp noted the field would have to be coordinated for use with the Fire Department, Bayer, HTLL proposed program, and the potential softball overflow.

A discussion among the Commissioners followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Giorgio to accommodate Hanover Township Little League's request for a 60-90 field. All in favor.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committeeman Brueno stated there have been requests from EDAC and other clubs who would like to have more fields upgraded. Currently the snack bar improvement is going on at Brick Yard, and there has been some question as to whether it would make sense to add the Turf field at the same time. He presented this idea to the Commissioners to think about and discuss at the December meeting.

However, in terms of priority Brick Yard remains the priority. Supt. Brennan reminded the Commissioners that to date there is \$90,000 in the budget and the cost to turf the field is close to \$500,000.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Program Coordinator Quirk reported on the following:

Basketball: Basketball registrations are complete on all levels.

- There will be three travel teams, up one from last year.
- Recreation Basketball registrations:

Grade 3 boys - 31	Grade 3-4 girls - 28
Grade 4 boys – 25	
Grade 5 - 6 boys – 52	Grade 5-6 Girls - 30
Grade 7-8 boys – 56	Grade 7-8 girls – 25

Wrestling : 34 Registrations

Lacrosse: Tom Quirk reported that he and Coach Lindsay Waldron attended a meeting last Sunday regarding the changes coming to the program. He noted there will now be a charge if a game is cancelled 24-48 hours in advance of the scheduled game.

Lisa Fessler, the Manager at Sports Care will be putting together some training and clinics prior to the fields opening as a way to get the players extra training at a reasonable fee.

Ski Club: 49 Registrations
Pete Messina is lining up chaperones.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Supt. Brennan reviewed upcoming events including Santa Claus Is Coming To Town on Saturday, December 10th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. In addition, the Volunteer Luncheon is scheduled to be held during the last week in December, and the Basketball Pep Rally is scheduled for the first week in January. The Bodyguard at the Paper Mill Playhouse is sold out.
- There was a discussion about Soccer not paying their invoices for their porta johns again this year. As a result the finance office is receiving dunning notices. It is the recommendation of the Commissioners that they be notified we will no longer be able to order porta johns for them.
- Supt. Brennan reported inappropriate action by the Landmark Committee regarding entering the artifact room when the room had been declared off limits due to voting machines being stored in that location. When the individual was asked to leave by office staff she refused to comply. Supt. Brennan will be going to the next Landmark meeting and explain the rules of compliance so there will be no further problems.
- John Ferramosca suggested changing the date of the Chili Cook-off to the Friday before the Superbowl, Friday, February 3, 2017. The Board like the suggestion and all were in agreement to change the date.
- Supt. Brennan has been working on the Grant for Stonybook Farm and Garden.
- The outdoor exercise equipment installation has been completed. There will be a sign with the name Fitness Circuit At Central Park installed soon.
- Work at the baby pool has been completed
- The concession stand will be going out to bid at the end of November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Program Coordinator Quick recapped the light fees for the current year. The total amount billed was \$3,000 and total collected was \$2070.00. The majority of use was at Black Brook 90.

Supt. Brennan stated there is a need to create a one-time special event fee for activities that fall outside of the typical parameters. The suggestion from the Committee was 20% of the current fee schedule or within the discretion of the Recreation Commission.

Supt. Brennan discussed the possibility of implementing a fee to the in town youth sports who use the fields but currently do not pay a fee. After some discussion it was suggested that in order to be in compliance with the law, a \$1.00 fee would be charged. It was further discussed that in addition to getting a Certificate of Insurance naming the Township of Hanover as the insured, along with a Hold Harmless Agreement specific instructions should be included on the Certificate of Insurance. Those

instructions should note that if the insured fails to pay the premium the additional insured must be notified prior to any cancellation or termination of policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supt. Brennan and Program Coordinator Quirk met with Mike Dimmick to explore options for Boys Lacrosse and whether to make Boys Lacrosse a Recreation Program. Currently it is part of the East Hanover . More discussion will follow.

Supt. Brennan discussed the following budget/capital items for consideration in 2017:

- lights at Veterans field for remote access;
- purchasing a portable light tower shared with OEM and one for Recreation;
- ongoing purchase of additional tables and chairs;
- adding an ice rink/spray park at Central Park;
- tennis court repairs and electricity update;
- personnel considerations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkenkamp to approve the Vouchers for payment, seconded by Committeeman Brueno. All in favor.

A motion was made by Committeeman Brueno to approve the Minutes of the Meeting from October 18, 2016, seconded by Committeeman Giorgio. All in favor.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Committeeman Brueno to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill, Recording Secretary