

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

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 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: Peter Monteverdi, Pete Berkenkamp, Gabriella Salese, Chairman Jim Coiley , Program Coordinator Tom Quirk, and Supt. Denise Brennan.

Commissioner Giorgio and Committeeman Brueno were 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supt. Brennan read a thank you letter written to Eric Shore, Whippany Park High School's Interact Club Advisor, thanking the club for their participation in the Here Comes Santa Claus event on Saturday, December 10th.

Lester Senior Housing Tenants Association donated \$300.00 to Dial A Ride in appreciation for providing transportation to doctor and hospital visits.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Due to Committeeman Brueno's absence there was no Township Committee Report.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Bee Meadow Park restroom concession stand plans are 99% complete. Cut sheets have been sent to the Recreation Department for final comments on remaining items to be installed.

Bee Meadow Pool wading pool improvements are completed with the exception of the safety surface. It will be completed in the spring.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Basketball – The program is up and running with a decent number of registrants. Coaches are in place. The Pep Rally will be held on January 6, 2016. At that time the equipment will be handed out.

Wrestling – Program Coordinator Quirk is working with Steve Barone on scheduling for matches and practices both here and at the school.

Girls Lacrosse – Both Program Coordinator Quirk and Supt. Brennan met with Sports Care to arrange optional clinics before the season starts. Sports Care will be here on January 10th for registration night and will speak to the parents and accept registrations.

Ski Club – Ski Club begins January 6, 2017. The final count remains at 51 registrants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan spoke about the upcoming Chili Cook-off event on February 3rd. There will be a panel of judges including someone from Wegmans. Currently there are two participants registered. We can accept a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 5 participants.

Here Comes Santa Claus was a successful event. The INTERACT Club was here to help along with the Seniors. Wegmans came and provided candy canes and cookies.

Last week there was a luncheon for Wegmans with both Administration and Recreation to thank them for all their sponsorship. They have committed to being the name sponsor for the 2017 Concert Series.

OLD BUSINESS:

Malapardis Park field size change and scoreboard – At the last meeting Hanover Township Little League (HTLL) came in to discuss changing the size of the field at Malapardis Park from 50/70 to 60/90. They also requested a scoreboard at that field. Wegmans agreed they would donate up to \$10,000 for the scoreboard if their name (only) was on the scoreboard. The follow-up was supposed to be a meeting with Brian Foran to discuss the feasibility of changing the size of the field i.e., moving the sprinkler system, cost, etc. While the conversation with Brian Foran regarding the field has not yet happened, and since the Commissioners have already voted no twice to the scoreboard, it was agreed to table any further discussion until the next meeting in order to be brought up to date on any possible new developments that would allow for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supt. Brennan presented a chart listing the number of people who came through the Community Center, by month, during the year.

Supt. Brennan reported to the Commissioners a theft of remaining food that occurred after the Here Comes Santa Claus event. She noted it is under investigation by the Hanover Township Police Department.

Supt. Brennan will email the End of Year Report to the Commissioners.

A copy of the 2017 program fee schedule was distributed.

Supt. Brennan stated the non-resident fee of 25% will be reinstated for all programs beginning in January 2017.

Supt. Brennan introduced an upcoming event to be run in collaboration with the Whippany Railway Museum, Bayer, Wegmans, and the Red Bulls. The Whippany Railway Museum will provide a train ride to Central Park on Eden Lane. Currently in its planning phase the event will host a healthy lunch/snack provided by Wegmans and activities with the Red Bulls. Recreation will provide the fitness portion of event at the Workout Circuit.

Re-Organization Meeting Dates for 2017 were provided to the Commissioners. There were no objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND PURCHASE ORDERS:

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the Minutes from November meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded it. All approved

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Chairman Coiley seconded it. All approved.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill

Recording Secretary