

**Board of Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting  
January 17, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Community Center.

Everyone who attended the meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners G. Salese, P. Sages, P. Monteverdi, J. Coiley, P. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, Supt. D. Brennan, and Program Coordinator T. Quirk.

Committeeman Brueno joined the meeting at 7:20 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.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS:** Chairman Coiley made a motion to re-appoint Commissioners Matt Giorgio and Pete Berkenkamp. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded it. Commissioners Giorgio and Berkenkamp abstained. All in favor.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to re-appoint Superintendent Denise Brennan. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion, all in favor.

**NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to nominate James Coiley as Chairman of the Recreation Commission. Commissioner Sages seconded the motion. Chairman Coiley abstained. All in favor.

**YEAR END REPORT:** Supt. Brennan had previously emailed copies of the Year End Report to all the Commissioners.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Committeeman Brueno. All in favor.

**RE-OPEN:**

Committeeman Brueno made a motion to re-open the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Coiley seconded it. All approved.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Community Center.

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners G. Salese, P. Sages, M. Giorgio, P. Berkenkamp, P. Monteverdi Supt. Brennan, Chairman Coiley, Committeeman Brueno, Supt. Brennan, and Program Coordinator Tom Quirk.

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 COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the public.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supt. Brennan read a thank you letter she wrote to Lester Senior Housing for their \$300.00 donation to Dial A Ride.

Morris County Department of Human Services, Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services acknowledged receipt of our application for a Dial A Ride vehicle indicating we are eligible for consideration of funding.

Gunnery Sgt. Monaco from Toys For Tots sent a certificate of participation to the Township of Hanover for their participation in the Toys For Tots program.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Brueno noted the Budget Meeting coming up on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Capital expenditures include the funds for the restrooms/concession stand at Brick Yard. Supt. Brennan added that there is a request for \$160,000.00 to be placed in Capital for the turf account. In addition, a request was made for \$50,000.00 for equipment for the concession stand. Although the money is there for the structure, additional funds are needed to equip the concession stand. In addition, approximately \$10,000.00 is needed for the lighting control at Veteran's Field.

Commissioner Monteverdi questioned the status of the turf field. Committeeman Brueno explained how each year there is an allocation of funds but quite a bit more money is needed. Commissioner Monteverdi expressed his concerns about putting the concession stand in before the turf field. A lengthy discussion followed about the pros and cons of putting the concession stand in before the turf field. It was pointed out by Supt. Brennan that currently there is only \$90,000.00 in the turf field fund. Three years ago the lowest estimate was \$500,000.00 for turf and the cost certainly has increased over time. Commissioner Monteverdi would prefer to have the money for the restrooms/concession stand reallocated into the turf field. Others believe restrooms should remain the priority because other events are held at that field and the major complaint has been the lack of a bathroom facility. Committeeman Brueno will follow up with Engineering to reaffirm the order should indeed be restrooms/concession before turf field.

A final comment on Capital from Supt. Brennan was regarding a joint request between the Recreation Department and OEM for a portable light tower. At the suggestion of the Township Administrator, that cost will be added to his budget.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Supt. Brennan and Supt. Foran reviewed the cut sheets from Suburban Construction in order to make final decisions on plumbing, electric, and hardware for the concession stand. If construction

moves forward, it would begin in late March or early April and finish in August. As such it will impact the Fishing Contest and the Summer Concerts. Both events would be moved to Malapardis Park.

### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

**Basketball:** Clinics in the grade 1-2 level are filled or close to being filled. Kindergarten is about half-full, however a clinic leader is needed for that group.

**Wrestling:** Is running well with a few minor issues that are being worked out.

**Girls Lacrosse:** Registration is now open in Hanover Township. East Hanover opens their registration next week. Program Coordinator Quirk met with Coach Lindsey Waldron and they are working on a schedule. Currently there is a need for a grade 3-4 Coach. Sports Care will be doing clinics for skill building for those that may be interested.

**Ski Club:** Two trips have already taken place. Pete Messina, the chaperone on the trips has mentioned he was not overly impressed with the conditions due to the mild weather. There is a potential to postpone the trip this Friday because of impending rain on both Thursday and Friday. If postponed, a make-up date will be added to the end of the schedule.

**Safety Academy:** Plans are currently under way to run a 2 week summer camp program geared towards the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Both Program Coordinator Quirk and Supt. Brennan have met with the Police Department and Fire Company and have received positive feedback.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The First Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 adults tickets/\$5.00 senior tickets/ free for children under the age of 5.

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Travelling Teen Preview Trip to Aquatopia event, the new indoor waterpark at Camel Beach in Tannersville, PA. Currently we have 25 registrations and will cap the trip at 30 participants.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> Supt. Brennan will participate in a Grant Presentation with Community Block Development.

Supt. Brennan applied on behalf of Hanover Township for a "Healthy Town Designation", a commitment to a healthy active lifestyle. Being designated a Healthy Town will provide additional benefits to the Township.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Train Ride to Central Park:** Supt. Brennan announced the scheduled date for the Train Ride to Central Park event will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adult tickets will cost \$14.00/children \$9.00. The train leaves from the Whippany Railway Museum and travels into Morristown, then drops off at Central Park where Recreation will have planned activities. Some of those activities will include Yoga, the Red Bull Street Team, a circuit trainer at the new equipment, volleyball games. In addition, Wegmans will provide healthy snacks, and Bayer will also participate. Trains will run in intervals dropping participants off at Central

Park and then returning them to the Museum. Tickets Sales will be handled through the Museum and they expect to draw approximately 1,000 participants.

**Scoreboard:** Committeeman Brueno reviewed a recent conversation he had with Mr. Halibej, President of Hanover Township Little League (HTLL) and also Mr. Halibej's attendance at a previous meeting. Both were regarding his previous request for Malapardis field to be turned into a 50-70 field along with his request to add a scoreboard, thereby allowing HTLL to use the field more often. His request was based on 11-13 year olds who are migrating to these fields and his belief that Malapardis field is the best option in the Township. HTLL believes the field would be getting adequate use, and therefore justify adding a scoreboard.

The Commissioner's reminded Committeeman Brueno that Mr. Halibej's request was for a 60-90 field so the players would be able to hit home runs, not a 50-70 field as he just stated.

Commissioner Sages stated the field and the scoreboard are actually two separate issues. At the time of his request the Commissioners did not feel justified taking \$10,000 from Wegmans who at the time had pledged to donate \$10,000 (cap) for the scoreboard. The feeling by everyone at the time was that it would not get enough usage to justify the cost.

Chairman Coiley added the issue regarding the field was that Brian Foran had concerns because of the sprinklers as well as not having the equipment to cut the field. Committeeman Brueno said the argument that HTLL makes is they feel Malapardis is the best choice because of the permanent mound and they would be able to schedule both games at the same field.

Supt. Brennan made the suggestion for Wegmans to replace the broken scoreboard at Black Brook explaining it's a field that HTLL uses as well as the High School and Middle School. That would seem to be a better alternative.

Committeeman Brueno said he will follow-up with a phone call to both Mike Hajibej and Brian Foran for clarification so this issue can be resolved once and for all at the next meeting.

**BUDGET:** Denise reviewed the budget with the Commissioners. She noted adding \$6,000 for furniture (table replacement) as well as adding money to Dial A Ride for blazer uniform jackets. In addition has requested the budget for Hanover Township Day and Celebration of Public Events not be cut again this year.

The Pool budget includes money for the climbing rock wall and the replacement of 3 temporary lifeguard stands with 3 permanent lifeguard stands.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Swim Team:** Due to personality conflicts last year among the parents on the Swim Team Board and the subsequent resignation of all but one member, a discussion followed on how to proceed with the swim team for the 2017 season. Supt. Brennan shared with the Commissioners a brief discussion she had with Pool Manager, Eddie Cashen about whether he would be willing to take on the lead role as well as other possible options to keep the Swim Team intact.

The Commissioners agreed to the following plan: Supt. Brennan will contact all coaches from last year to see if they are planning to return; send an email to all parents and set up a meeting to discuss open positions; and finally, arrange a meeting with the Commissioners on the Personnel Committee to meet with the person who was responsible for the majority of conflicts last year and explain what is expected of Parents on the Swim Team Board before she returns for the 2017 season.

**Pool Fees:** The Commissioners reviewed the pool membership fees from 2016 and had a discussion about whether to raise the membership fees in 2017. Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to keep the Bee Meadow Pool membership fees unchanged for the 2017 season, seconded by Committeeman Brueno. All in favor.

**Request for Waiver for Out of Town Fee:** Supt. Brennan brought a request to the Commissioners from the Line Dancing Instructor to waive the out of town fee for her program. After some discussion it was the decision of all in attendance that it would not be fair to other programs to exempt the Line Dancing program from the out of town fee. Therefore, the out of town fee stands for Line Dancing.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade Trip to NYC:** Supt. Brennan received a request for a bus trip, solely to provide transportation to the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 17th. The Commissioners agreed with the request. Supt. Brennan will contact the resident and finalize the details.

**Dial A Ride:** Supt. Brennan told the Commissioners about a request for Dial A Ride to provide transportation to the Lyon's Veteran's Hospital in Liberty Corners even though it is outside the approved radius for transportation. Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the request, Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 20, 2016 meeting. Committeeman Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers dated December 8, 2016. Committeeman Brueno seconded by motion. All in favor.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Dinah Schill  
Recording Secretary