

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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 G. Salese, P. Sages, P. Monteverdi, J. Coiley, P. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, Supt. D. Brennan, and Program Coordinator T. Quirk.

Committeeman Brueno was 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Due to the absence of Committeeman Brueno there was no Township Committee Report.

Supt. Brennan noted the Budget Meeting was held the first Saturday in February and believes all Capital requests were approved.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Supt. Brennan reported that the Bee Meadow Park restroom and concession stand plans and specifications are 99% complete. The project will be ready to go out to bid within the next week.

The contractor for the Bee Meadow Pool wading pool improvements anticipates sandblasting the baby pool this week. The safety surface is scheduled to be completed this Spring.

The outdoor gym equipment is completed with the exception of a sign being donated by the vendor.

The Bee Meadow Pool rock climbing wall requires a JIF Inspection, Supt. Brennan will make those arrangements.

Requests for Quotes (RFQ) are being prepared for the replacement of three temporary lifeguard stands with permanent stands.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Program Coordinator Quirk reported on the following:

Basketball: Basketball playoffs will be starting next week. There have been a lot of positive comments about Jay Hersch who made the transition from Dianne Jones' leadership a smooth process. The end of season basketball party is scheduled for March 5th. As something new this year all referees will be invited to the party and will be acknowledged along with the coaches.

Wrestling: Wrestling has finished for the year with a good season. Supt. Brennan and Program Coordinator Quirk plan to meet with Steve Barone for an end of season wrap up meeting.

Girls Lacrosse: The grade 3-4 level had to be cancelled due to low enrollment, Grades 5-6 has 19 registrations, and grade 7-8 has 25 registrations. Program Coordinator Quirk spoke with Mr. Foran and Mr. Pillion about lining Veterans field for practice at night.

Ski Club: The ski club finished last week. Pete Messina reported a great season with a terrific group of kids. There were only two minor injuries over the 5 weeks.

Permits: Program Coordinator Quirk has scheduled a field meeting tomorrow evening with the baseball coaches who have applied for usage. There has not been much conflict this year with the exception of some requests by the Hanover Soccer Association.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan reported on the First Annual Chili Cook-off. She noted there were 8 contestants and approximately 80 attendees. Chef Preston France from Wegmans was one of the four judges. In addition she thanked Commissioners Salese and Monteverdi who came to help. It was a fun night and very successful. There was a request to serve beer and wine next year. Serving alcohol would require a special permit through the Township.

The Travelling Teens Preview trip to Aquatopia at Camel Beach was held yesterday and was reported to be a huge success. The trip sold out with 35 participants and 5 directors.

Last Friday Supt. Brennan attended a preview of the drop off location for the upcoming event Train Ride to Central Park on Eden Lane. The train will leave from the Whippany Museum and travel to Morristown and then to Central Park where participants will be dropped off to attend the scheduled events. Tickets will be sold through the railway museum. There is a lot of excitement from Wegmans, Bayer, and the Red Bulls who will all be participating.

Supt. Brennan will be giving a presentation in Morristown to the Community Block Development Grant on February 27th requesting money for a new Dial A Ride vehicle.

Hanover Township has received an award and been designated "A Healthy Town to Watch". The award was given based on a lengthy application submitted by Superintendent Brennan outlining all the healthy lifestyle programs and events run by the Hanover Township Recreation and Health Departments.

OLD BUSINESS:

SWIM TEAM: Supt. Brennan reported on a meeting she had with parents of the swim team participants from last year. This meeting was to advise parents of the many open positions on the Swim Team Board this season. Seven parents showed up, and as a result there is now a Treasurer, Correspondence, and Vice President. A President is still needed. During an open discussion parents voiced their concern about many participants from last year stating they will not be returning this year due to the unpleasant events of last year. Supt. Brennan will send out a survey to parents asking if their child will be returning this year, if not the reason they won't be returning, and ask what they thought might bring them back for another season. In addition there will be a recruitment of potential new swim team members.

MALAPARDIS FIELD: Previously Mike Halibej made a presentation to the Commissioners requesting to change the dimensions of Malapardis Field. Malapardis currently accommodates Little League (40/60), Girls Softball, and 50/70 (the size in between Little League and Cal Ripkin.) He requested changing Malapardis to 60/90 by cutting the grass to expand the infield and add clay. He wants the fences to remain in place so kids can hit more home runs.

Brian Foran, Brian Pillion, and Bob Brueno went out to inspect the field. Mr. Foran is adamant changing the field size is not that easy. There is 55 feet of grass that has to be cut out, the sprinkler has to be moved, and the fence would have to be moved in order to make it a legal regulation size field. Mr. Foran states he does not have the equipment needed for this job.

Superintendent Brennan added, ultimately this constitutes a tremendous amount of work, and there is no estimate of the cost. Logistically it is a problem because construction of the bathrooms and concession stand is set to begin in the Spring at Brick Yard. Annual events typically held at Brick Yard, such as the fishing contest and summer concerts have to be moved to Malapardis Park. It is not feasible to have constructions in two locations at the same time.

In opposition is Committeeman Brueno who feels otherwise. According to Superintendent Brennan, even if it was feasible as Mr. Brueno believes, it is not doable this year because it is not in any department's budget.

Commissioner Sages said a Safety Report needs to be done before any decision is made or voted on. In addition he expressed his thoughts on using Black Brook Field as opposed to Malapardis as an alternative because it is not an overused field.

Supt. Brennan will schedule an appointment with JIF to inspect Malapardis. In the meantime Little League should be notified that whatever the outcome and decision of the Commissioners, it will not happen this year because of the multiple reasons stated above. Also, before Black Brook is offered as an alternative there must first be advice from Brian Foran.

Chairman Coiley will call Committeeman Brueno to let him know the unanimous decision of the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was made by Hanover Township School Aged Child Care Summer Program to attend the Bee Meadow Pool again this year twice a week for the duration of their program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkenkamp to approve their request at the stated rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monteverdi, all in favor.

A request was made by Committeeman Gallagher on behalf of the Morris Area Coalition for Education and Positive Choices (Coalition), to hold a teen pool party on a Friday night over the Summer at Bee Meadow Pool. This would be open to Middle School aged children in grades 6, 7, and 8 as well as their families. In addition to Hanover Township children it would be open to children and families in East Hanover, Florham Park, and Madison (all part of the Coalition.) The cost of the event will be covered by a fee (to be determined) through the Coalition. Food is expected to be purchased by participants at the Bee Meadow Pool snack bar. The event will be chaperoned by the Coalition as well as the Substance Awareness Council. Sign-up in advance is required in order for the pool to be adequately staffed.

Supt. Brennan shared a number of concerns. Her feeling is that a party is a great idea, but the main concern has to be safety and numbers. The cost for a two hour pool party with 16 lifeguard, 1 pool manager, and 4 recreation staff would be approximately \$800.00. While this is not an outrageous amount, the problem is that the pool budget has already done for the year. Any money collected cannot go into wages and salaries, but has to go into the general fund. In addition there must be a cap on the number of people who will be admitted, and as such no tickets will be sold at the door.

Supt. Brennan will contact JIF before getting back to Committeeman Gallagher to let him know we will work with him to get a date for this event. She will notify him of any restrictions placed on the event by JIF. In addition to JIF's restrictions he will be notified of the above conditions for the event. Also, it is the recommendation of the Commissioners, unless all towns reciprocate, this event would only be open to the kids in Hanover Township.

SUMMER CAMP – Supt. Brennan asked how the Commissioners would like to structure the 3-week Travelling Teen program. She questioned whether to sell it in a 3 week block or sell by the week (as has previously been requested.) It was decided that in order to keep the caliber of the trips and employee standards as high as they are, it should be sold as a block. To sell week by week does not allow for consistency.

Approval of Summer Camp Rates – tabled until next meeting.

OTHER:

Monroe Hall: People have been entering Monroe Hall without permission. There were alcoholic beverages in the unlocked refrigerator while the Girl Scouts were there. The locks will have to be changed.

On February 20th the Community Center men's restroom was vandalized.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the Vouchers dated February 9, 2017. Commissioner Giorgio seconded by motion. All in favor.

CLOSED: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to close the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Commissioner 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 9:15 p.m. and reconvened into open session. A vote was taken to hire Matthew Foran as a Proctor for Hanover Township Recreation at the rate of \$10.81 per hour. The vote was unanimous in favor of hiring Mr. Foran.

Comm. Giorgio made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Recording Secretary