

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 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. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, P. Sages, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman R. Brueno, Supt. D. Brennan, and Program Coordinator T. 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supt. Brennan read a letter she sent to the American Legion thanking them for the \$100.00 donation for the fishing contest being held on May 6 at Malapardis Park.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Supt. Brennan reported that the bid opening for the concession stand is April 18, 2017. In addition, the application of the safety coating for the baby pool is scheduled to be completed within the next month depending on the weather

The outdoor gym equipment is complete with the exception of a sign. Dave Leo is following up on that.

Engineering is requesting additional information for the lifeguard stands.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Program Coordinator Quirk reported the following:

Wrestling: Had a successful year end. Supt. Brennan, Program Coordinator Quirk and Steve Barone met and wrapped up year-end issues.

Girls LAX: Although there weren't enough numbers to field teams for grades 3 and 4, there was an impressive turnout for grades 5 and 6 (28 registrations) and grades 7 and 8 (29 registrations.) The plan is to split each group into two teams and add more games.

Supt. Brennan reported an exciting kick-off to the season. A Mountain Lakes High School Alumni is now a coach for Girls USC Lacrosse. This coming Sunday the Girls USC is playing Ohio State at Mountain Lakes. We have invited all the Girls LAX players from grades 5-8 to attend the game on Sunday at noon.

Youth Public Safety: Currently there are 8 registrations. There will be a meeting on Monday with the other departments which are involved including the Hanover Township Fire and Police Departments . Everyone is excited about the program.

Permits: Spring field permits have been approved, field usage is high and currently there are no open spots.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Brennan reviewed plans for the May 13th All Aboard For Fitness and Fun event which will be held at Central Park. The Red Bull Street Team is scheduled to perform, there are fitness coordinators lined up, a Healthy In Hanover walk is scheduled, and there will be dancing vegetables from Wegmans. It promises to be a fun day.

Saturday, April 1st Recreation will be holding the Annual Hoppin' Down The Bunny Trail event from 10:00 a.m. until noon. There will be music, dancing, face painting, prizes, snacks, and pictures with the bunny. Wegmans has donated cookies, jelly beans, and water.

The Fishing Derby will be held at Malapardis Park on May 6th. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; the contest is held from 9 a.m. until noon. The pond will be stocked on the Thursday before the event.

NJRPA Convention and Tri State Camp Conference: The keynote speaker at the NJRPA Convention was Michael DeLeon of Scared Straight who talked about Drugs of the 21st Century. He noted the importance of Parks and Recreation in keeping kids actively engaged.

Supt. Brennan also attended a workshop about Incident/Accident Reports. Our forms were reviewed and are in good order. One of the suggestions is to have counselors and directors instructed on procedure and practice filling out the forms. She also attended pool workshops as well as training workshops.

Supt. Brennan noted pool registration has been open for a few weeks and has brought in \$35,000 in membership fees. It seems Resident Family Memberships are up at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Swim Team: Supt. Brennan sent out a survey to approximately 63 families who had children on the swim team from previous years. To date 26 have been returned to the survey. Questions included:

- How long has your child been a member?
- Are planning to have them return?
- How would you rate your child's overall experience?
- What recommendations would you make?
- How can you volunteer to help the swim team?

Responses were mixed, however the majority felt parents should be less involved with the coaches.

Currently the only positions filled are Vice President and Treasurer. Others who volunteered had stipulations attached to their participation. Committeeman Brueno asked Supt. Brennan to send him the email list. He is going to send an email to let the parents know if someone does not step up to the positions of President and if they cannot find a coach there will be no swim team this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPRA Request: An adult for-profit Baseball League from Clifton came in to request field time. However, the permits were late and as a result the team was not able to get the time they wanted. Supt. Brennan was told by the team owner she absolutely had to give him the time he requested because the permits were for a Green Acres field. He was offered 3 possible times and he was not interested in any of the available time slots. The attorney for Green Acres confirms Recreation has done nothing wrong. The law requires "fair access" and that is not the same as equal time. Since the team owner felt Recreation was not cooperating, he did an OPRA request for all emails between Program Coordinator Quirk and Supt. Brennan concerning permits. The Green Acre attorney was copied on all correspondence. The attorney explained to the for-profit league that they are not understanding the law and explained their misunderstanding. The issue is in the hands of the Township attorney.

Chairman Coiley recommends reviewing the fee schedule for next season. He also recommended all teams who use the lights on the field be required to put up a bond, as one of the for-profit groups never paid for their light usage. Committeeman Brueno asked to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Wildcats: Wildcat's went smoothly last year with Todd Callaghan as the point person. This year they are requesting Softball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Baseball, Girls Soccer, Football, and cheerleading.

Camp Rates: Supt. Brennan distributed the calendar and rate sheet for Summer Plus camp to the Commissioners. There is a discount for two or more children. This year the Travelling Teen program will only be 3 weeks due to how the July 4th holiday falls this year. **Committeeman Brueno made a motion to approval the rates for Summer Plus as well as Travelling Teens, Commissioner Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor.**

OTHER:

Fireworks: Garden State Fireworks won the bid for the Township fireworks this year. The date is June 29th with a rain date of June 30th. They will be held again this year at Veteran's Field.

Supt. Brennan met with librarian Rochelle Levin about having a Little Lending Library at the Bee Meadow Pool this year.

Committeeman Brueno took the opportunity to mention Recreation's successful wrestling program and the four wrestlers from Whippany who came through the program under Pete Monteverdi's guidance. Committeeman Brueno would like to have them recognized at the April meeting along with the Basketball leadership winners. **All in favor.**

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

CLOSED: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 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 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

Chairman Coiley called for a voteto approve Tyler Passero as a non-paid Summer Intern for the Summer of 2017. Tyler Passero is a Whippany resident who attends Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and is studying to receive a Bachelors of Science degree in Leisure & Sports Studies with a minor in Coaching and Athletic Administration. A vote was taken and the vote to approve Tyler Passero was unanimous.

Comm. Giorgio made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Recording Secretary

