

**`Board of Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 16, 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. Monteverdi, P. Sages, M. Giorgio, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman R. Brueno, Supt. D. Brennan, and Program Coordinator T. Quirk.

Commissioners Berkenkamp 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supt. Brennan shared a letter from the grandson of Albert W. Brown regarding the dedication of his grandfather's name on the Dial A Ride van. He wanted to convey how much it meant to his family that all these years later his grandfather's name still remains on the van.

In addition, Supt. Brennan shared a letter of thanks she wrote to Eric Shore from Whippany Park High School who organized the INTERACT Club volunteers who helped at the Hoppin' Down The Bunny Trail event.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Brueno reported that we are moving ahead with the building of the concession stand and bathrooms at Brickyard Field.

Committeeman Monteverdi questioned how the construction would impact football. Supt. Brennan explained that the plan is to cordon off one area and there would still be enough room for football to participate.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

An Ordinance to appropriate an additional \$60,000 for the restrooms and concession stand was introduced at the Township Committee on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Once adopted on the project can be awarded and construction will begin this summer.

**Outdoor Gym Equipment:** The outdoor gym equipment is complete with the exception of the signage that has been given to Brian Foran to install.

**Pool:** Although work began in October, the baby pool is still not finished. During testing it was discovered that pool grates and four valves needed to be replaced. The safety surface needs to be completed but the grates have to go in first and we are still waiting on the contractor. Contractor has been notified to expedite completion since the pool is scheduled to be opened on May 26th. The water test is scheduled for tomorrow, but only the big pool will be tested since the baby pool cannot be filled with water due to ongoing construction.

**Rock Wall:** Our Health Department, in charge of bathing codes will not sign off on the rock wall. The reason is that climbing walls have not been approved by the State Department of Health at this time. In reality there is no code and nothing is written either way. However, the State is currently “looking into it.” Our Health Department won’t sign off until the State makes a ruling, even though the wall has been approved by JIF. Committeeman Brueno suggested calling the County Board of Health for guidance.

**Other projects:** Currently there are three bundled projects ongoing at the pool. In addition to the rock wall, there are the lifeguard stand installation and the slide. Supt. Brennan reminded the Commissioners that during previous discussions the plan was to put the new slide in first to accommodate the wall, the 3<sup>rd</sup> project was the lifeguard stand installation. However, now that nothing can be done before the fall, it might be better to “unbundle” the projects and move ahead with the Lifeguard stands. It was decided by the Commissioners to “unbundle” the projects and move forward with the lifeguard stands as a separate project.

#### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

**Girls LAX:** Program Coordinator Quirk reports the season is winding down. The coaches report it was a tough season. There has been a lot of interest in attending the year-end jamboree. The event is open to 8<sup>th</sup> grade players. We can send three girls from each team.

**Public Safety Academy:** Currently there are 18 registrations. Program Coordinator Quirk noted the State Police are 95% certain they will land a helicopter on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the kids to tour. Other events include the Sheriff’s Department who will bring the K-9 Unit, and the Fire Department will provide a full-day at the Fire Academy. A parents meeting is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> to explain to them what is involved and to get waivers signed. Substance Awareness Council has donated \$1,000.00 for educational material.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

**Camp:** Supt. Brennan reported registration for Summer Camp programs are strong. The second session in Summer Plus is full, the third session only has 4 spots remaining. We also have good numbers for the Sports Clinics and the Travelling Teens.

**Fishing Contest:** Supt. Brennan reported the fishing contest was held two weeks ago, and was a big success. People seemed pleased with the location at Malapardis Park. She mentioned what a great job

Brian Pillion and Brian DiPrimo from the Department of Public Works (DPW) did at the event. They helped the kids with untangle lines and helped them with casting.

**Intern:** Intern Tyler Passero started today. He needs approximately 375 hours so we will have him through camp. He will be a great addition to the department.

**Fireworks:** The fireworks are scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 30<sup>th</sup> at Veteran's Field. The street closes at 6:00 p.m. and activities begin.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Swim Team:** The new Board is in place and will have recommendations for coaches at the end of the week. They have done an excellent job in coming up with new ideas. They are implementing some early morning practices so the kids can participate in other activities during the day. Supt. Brennan reported the new Board is working out very well.

**Musco Lighting:** Supt. Brennan thanked Program Coordinator Quirk for the great job he did with the installation of timers for the lights at Veteran's field. He worked very hard getting everyone their codes, and working with Department of Public Works.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Special Event Fees:** Currently there is a fee schedule for picnics and field usage. However, a request was made to have a wedding ceremony at the gazebo in Central Park. The Commissioners were asked by Supt. Brennan to come up with a fee to charge residents and non-residents for special events in the parks. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed the fee for a wedding ceremony (ceremony only) for residents will be \$50.00 to cover clean up-of the park after the event. The non-resident fee will be \$100.00.

Program Coordinator Quirk discovered a non-approved camp taking place at Malapardis Park. Tinker Garden has been holding a camp without approval on Tuesdays and Saturdays and charging an \$85.00 fee to their participants. Quirk confronted the camp director with several issues of non-compliance. First was them being there without a permit. Second, their location was too close to the baseball field making it a potentially dangerous location. A more appropriate location would be at Upper Malapardis where there is no chance a child could be hurt with a baseball hit over the fence. In addition Tinker Garden is in non-compliance of a township ordinance by not having produced background checks on their employees who are working with children under the age of 18. Ultimately Quirk worked with them to get some of the non-compliance issues resolved, however moving forward Supt. Brennan asked the Commissioners to come up with a recommendation for the Township Committee.

Several options were discussed and ultimately their recommendation was for the camp to be charged \$50.00 a day for the spring season since they did not have a permit. Seasonal use for the summer they would recommend \$300.00 per season. As with all other permits/fees they will need to provide the required paperwork as well as a copy of their roster.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:** Commissioner Sages made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to approve the Vouchers dated May 11<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor.

**CLOSED:** Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 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 8:45 p.m. and reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Commissioner Giorgio to approve the list of summer employees for the pool and summer programs. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill  
Recording Secretary