

**Board of Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 21, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May, 21 2019.

Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Commissioners: G. Salese, R. Brueno, M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, P. Berkenkamp, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman M. Mihalko, Tom Quirk, Program Coordinator/ Assistant to the Superintendent (PC/AS) , and Supt. D. Brennan.

Everyone who attended the meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CLOSED:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to close the meeting to the public at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

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.

**RE-OPENED MEETING:**

The meeting came out of closed session at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened into open session to vote on seasonal summer help. Committeeman Mihalko made a motion to approve summer help, seconded by Commissioner Coiley. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve a request for pool membership, seconded by Commissioner Salese. All in favor, Motion approved.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Mihalko advised everyone that the Memorial Day Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, beginning at the Whippany Park High School. There is a breakfast at the Community Center starting at 7:00 a.m.

He briefly reported on negotiations with the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and noted it will pave the way for the Pine Plaza and River Park project.

The installation of the playground at Bee Meadow was approved. It is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase II:** Installation complete. The building and electrical inspections passed today.

**Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide:** Currently under design. Direction is needed from Joe Giorgio regarding proprietary products. Installation is anticipated in the fall of this year.

**Basketball Court:** The completion of plans and specification are anticipated in June with installation this summer.

**Malapardis Park Tennis Court Resurfacing:** Completion of specifications anticipated in June with installation this summer.

**Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase III:** Waiting for Recreation Commission's intention to install additional chairs.

**Bee Meadow Pool Deck Repairs:** Dave Leo met with the contractor today to discuss possible repairs to trip hazards. Survey crew will be on site tomorrow to gather information on scope of work. Work to be completed prior to pool opening full time.

**Bee Meadow Park Playground Installation:** Trees have been removed and area excavated for installation. Brian Foran will coordinate installation with contractor.

**Veteran's Park Sidewalk for Playground:** Brian Foran will coordinate installation of ADA ramp with contractor. Installation of sidewalk cannot proceed until ramp is installed.

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

**Girls Lacrosse:** PC/AS Quirk reported the Lacrosse season is coming to an end. He added it was disappointing that no parent stepped up to help Coach Lindsay Klymko. It was suggested that next year we may have to rethink hiring coaches for the season. The end of season party is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

**Swim Team Update:** Judy Mennonna and Ann Roda-Farrell were at camp registration on behalf of the Bee Meadow Swim Team, and reported they had a good turnout. The Rusty Swimmer Clinic starts on May 29<sup>th</sup> and try out for new swimmers is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Youth Safety Academy:** Currently there are 8 confirmed registrations and 2 possibilities. The minimum for the program is 12 registrations. Quirk said that he has reached out to Morris Plains and Morris Township who have strong Academies and asked them to refer anyone who missed the registration cut off to Hanover Township.

**Hanover Township Little League:** Recreation partnered with Little League for a bus trip to the Somerset Patriots. 103 people attended. Little League has approached Recreation about partnering again for a trip to Yankee Stadium.

**Spring Basketball:** Unfortunately the program was not very successful. If we try it again next year we would need assurance that coaches and participants would show up. As an off season sport it ended up competing with current season sports.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

**King Kong On Broadway:** Third times a charm! After two previous cancellations the Broadway trip finally took place. Everyone had a wonderful time.

**Beauty and the Beast:** There is a trip schedule to the Paper Mill Playhouse on June 12<sup>th</sup> to see Beauty and the Beast. The trip is sold out.

**Fishing Contest:** The fishing contest was held on Saturday, May 18. Approximately 35 kids participated . The winner caught a fish measured at 13”.

**Touch A Truck:** Touch a Truck was also held Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It is estimated over 200 kids and their families attended.

**Pool Report:** Supt. Brennan reported the new guard chairs have been fully installed. All inspections have passed, and the pool is scheduled to open on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. She then reviewed the Capital Budget:

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| \$7,200  | Remaining in 2017 Capital Budget for chairs    |
| \$41,500 | In 2018 Capital Budget for Rock Wall and Slide |
| \$25,000 | In 2019 unallocated for this year              |

**Recommendations:**

- Have bid process COMPLETED by beginning of July so men’s room can be fixed in September immediately following pool closing.
- Have bid process COMPLETED by beginning of July so Rock Wall and slide can be installed in September immediately following pool closing.
- Have bid process COMPLETED by beginning of July so final chairs can be installed in September immediately following pool closing.

A discussion followed concerning major repairs that will need to be addressed in the next few years.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Camp:** Travelling Teens is sold out. Summer Plus is experiencing some unusual scheduling conflicts in the first session. School ends late this year impacting the first week, and the holiday (Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>) in the second week impacts the school availability.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are scheduled to be held on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, rain date Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wegmans has donated \$2,500 for entertainment, and that will cover part of the cost of the band. We are working on getting a bounce house, sand art, and food trucks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Building Remediation:** Supt. Brennan advised the Commissioners that there are some serious mold issues in the building. Although the Landmark Room is most seriously affected, the mold runs throughout the building. In addition, Serve Pro advised the ducts throughout the building need to be cleaned. It was questioned by Chairman Coiley and others as to why all of the Town history is being kept in a locked room and not on display in the main building. The location of the locked room, and placement of the air handler could potentially ruin the entire town history.

**Big Night Out:** Will be held at the Bee Meadow Pool on Saturday, June 8th, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**OTHER:** Supt. Brennan advised the Commissioners that she met with P.J. Sages with regard to purchasing AEDs with the money that was collected from donations. The family will be recognized at the Charity Classic on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Sages family inquired about having some sort of memorial softball/baseball tournament in honor of Pat Sages, with the intent of using the money to keep the AEDs funded. Chairman Coiley suggested a Basketball tournament as it would not compete with other tournaments and we wouldn't be subject to weather related issues. The Commissioners very much liked the idea and were in agreement to move forward with a plan for the fall.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:** Commissioner Giorgio made a motion to approve the vouchers from the June 13, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting . Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Salese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monteverdi. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill  
Board Secretary