

**Board of Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 19, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

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

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

**RECOGNITION OF BASKETBALL GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP/LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS:**

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS were presented to the following 2022 Recreation Basketball winners:

Girls Grades 3 & 4:

- Team A – Chloe Ayala
- Team B – Emma Vasilik
- Team C – Nicolette Gammero

Girls Grades 5 & 6:

- Team A – Reagan Burt
- Team B – Ananda Dhareshwar
- Team C – Devon Weigel
- Team D – Lily Benanti

Boys Grade 3 & 4:

- Team A – Nicholas Roselli
- Team B – Ray Scheifler
- Team C – Vinny Russo
- Team D – Sam Bras

Boys Grade 5 & 6:

- Team A – Jakob Swenson
- Team B – Jonathan Meng
- Team C – Ryan Heiart
- Team D – Ryan Heiart
- Team E – Sahadev Girijavallabhan

Boys Grade 7 & 8

- Team A – Michael D’Addario
- Team B- Brady Vasilik

The 2022 PAT SAGES BASKETBALL LEADERSHIP AWARD was presented to Paul (Paulie Buckets) Lombardino.

Supt. Brennan also commended Katie Steinberg who was the Leadership Award Winner in 2019 and now this year she helped out as a coach.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present were Commissioners: B. Brueno, P. Monteverdi, M. Giorgio, Chairman Coiley, CJ Engelberger, Committeeman Mihalko, Asst. Superintendent T. Quirk, and Supt. D. Brennan.

Absent: Commissioner G. Salese, and Alternate Commissioner P. Berkenkamp.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Kurt Swenson, 123 Malapardis Road, Cedar Knolls**, representing the Hanover Township Little League (HTLL) Board introduced himself and said he wanted to personally invite the Recreation Commissioners to attend HTLL's opening day events on Saturday. He outlined the day's events starting with the parade beginning at 9:45 a.m., arriving at Veterans Field at 10:00 a.m. There will be a ceremony following, that will take approximately a half hour. Finally, there will be a full slate of games for the rest of the afternoon.

**Terri Baird from the Whippany section of Hanover Township** said she was there regarding the new turf field and to request a presentation for the public. She feels there are many unanswered questions including, but not limited to, the cost of site preparation, how scheduling will be handled, what sports will be played on the field, and if the field will be available to rent. The Commissioners reminded Ms. Baird that these issues have been all been discussed at previous meetings and there was a presentation from Field Turf company several months ago. Ms. Baird acknowledged being at previous meetings but was asking for a presentation for clarification of misinformation on social media for the general public. A lengthy discussion followed. Ultimately Committeeman Mihalko invited Ms. Baird to reach out to him and said he would be happy to answer her questions as well as a group if she wanted to put something together.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Mihalko said there is a property in town that has become available, and the town has first right of refusal. He feels it would be another good location to add a field, tennis courts, pickleball, etc.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Dave Leo, Assistant Township Engineer provided the following report:

**Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation:** The Women's Room shower was originally scheduled to be upgraded however, based on difficulties with the way the water is supplied to the Women's Room, it was decided to instead upgrade the Men's Room showers at this time. Due to delays from the supplier regarding confirmation of available options for the showers and lead time issues with the materials,

the upgrade may not be complete by the pool opening on May 27, 2022 but should be completed before the full pool opening in June.

**Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II:** Bid opening was April 5<sup>th</sup>. Project was awarded April 14<sup>th</sup> and the Pre-Construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III:** Project was advertised on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with a bid opening date of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III:** Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.

**Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV:** Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.

**Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field:** Flood Hazard Area Verification and LOI submitted to the NJDEP on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Received Flood Hazard Verification dated January 10, 2022. Still waiting on LOI approval.

**Malapardis Tennis Court Resurfacing:** Bid opening was December 14, 2021. No bids received. Need to reevaluate scope of work for re-bid.

**Bee Meadow Park Turf Field:** Ordinance appropriating funding and Resolution authorizing consulting services adopted at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting. Meeting needs to be scheduled with B.A. to discuss project bidding/award options.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Assistant Supt. Quirk reported on the following:

**Bee Meadow Pool Swim Team:** Currently there are 130 plus signed up for tryouts. Quirk reported that Shannon Dabrio will be returning this year as Head Coach for the swim team. We are currently seeking assistant coaches. Christine Amorasano is attending a league meeting this evening, and then we plan to starting scheduling and review the league rules.

**Background Checks:** This is the busiest time of the year for background checks. Between Little League, soccer, and football we are checking hundreds of coaches against the list of already approved coaches. He said while it is a lot of work its important to keep the children safe.

**AEDs in the Parks:** Quirk reported all the AEDs have been replaced, with the exception of one park. Right now, there are issues getting the replacement pads so currently there is not a working AED at Malapardis Park gazebo. The consensus was that it is more important to have them on the fields. The fire departments and first aid are aware of the situation.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Supt. Brennan reported on the following:

**Easter Egg Hunt Recap:** Due to poor field conditions at Malapardis Park the Easter Egg Hunt had to be cancelled. However, thank you to Tommy Cobane and Ryan Faulkman who came in and set up a house

in the lounge, and the Recreation staff who decorated the room, we were able to provide an egg hunt at the Community Center.

### **Summer Camp:**

Summer Plus Sessions 1 & 2 are currently sold out and session 3 only has a few spots remaining.

Travelling Teens the first session is half full and the second session is full.

Wildcats Camps registration is ongoing. We spoke with the Principal at the high school and there is a problem in the gym and therefore will not be available. Also, they are doing some work on the fields, so as a result we will be using Recreation facilities and Bee Meadow School for the basketball camps.

### **Summer Concerts:**

June 17 – Parrot Beach, a Jimmy Buffet style band at the Bee Meadow Pool from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 11 – The B Street Band, a Bruce Springsteen cover band being held at the Brickyard.

July 18 – Five Wheel Drive, a pop-rock party band held at the Brickyard

July 25 – The Kootz, 70's, 80's, and 90's rock and roll with fiber

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are being held on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (rain date: Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>) beginning at 9:15 p.m. There will be food trucks, a concert from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A big thank you to Wegmans for donating \$5,000 towards the fireworks and concert. Donations have also been received from Hartz Mountain and PBS.

Both Quick Chek and Walmart have declined to sponsor any events.

**BEE MEADOW POOL:** Supt. Brennan advised that to date there are 432 in town memberships and 122 out of town membership. Total revenue to date is \$194,295.00. We just concluded the early registration discount. These numbers are up from last year in both memberships categories.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Pat Sages Basketball Tournament:** Supt. Brennan and Asst. Supt. Quirk have been in contact with Jay Hersh to try and get the Pat Sages Basketball Tournament up and running. Although there is not enough time to organize an event before the schools close in June, we are on track for a September event. Bob Brueno has graciously agreed to be the chair person.

**Fishing Contest:** Rain or shine the fishing contest will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Malapardis Park. Prizes are being donated by the PBA.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

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-OPEN:**

The meeting came out of closed session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened into open session. Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve seasonal personnel hires and rates for 2022 as stated in closed session. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all in favor with two abstentions (Commissioners Brueno and Engelberger) due to conflict because of family relationships. Motion passed.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:**

**Commissioner Engelberger made a motion to approve the vouchers from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Commissioner Giorgio made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Committeeman Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Engelberger. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dinah Schill**

**Board Secretary**

