

**Board of Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
June 18, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

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

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

Commissioner P. Berkenkamp joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioner R. Brueno was absent.

Everyone who attended the meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Mihalko commented on the success of the Memorial Day parade and noted everyone did a wonderful job.

Committeeman Mihalko said that he has been in touch with the Mother's Club and they said they would like to help fundraise for future playground projects. He added that while he was at the new playground at the Brick Yard he noticed there was room to continue the area towards the basketball court. He spoke to them about the possibility of fundraising for the expansion and they were in favor of doing so.

The three phases of the pathways to the ponds are underway. Phase I goes around the pool. Phase II wraps around the back and stops at pond 1 and 2. Phase III continues from that ending point to Reynolds and ties into other paths along Fenwick and Thompson Streets. Phase I construction is set to begin at the end of the summer. Mihalko was happy to report there is already funding for Phase I and II and anticipates that there will also be funding for Phase III.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase II:** Installation complete.

**Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide:** Under design. Engineering needs direction from Township Administrator Joe Giorgio regarding proprietary products. The anticipated installation is in the fall of this year.

**Basketball Court:** Completion of plans and specifications are anticipated at the end of June with installation this summer.

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

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

**Bee Meadow Pool Deck Repairs:** Engineering 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 full time pool opening.

**Bee Meadow Park Playground Installation:** Trees were removed and area has been excavated for installation. Installation of playground equipment is ongoing.

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

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

**Girls Lacrosse:** End of season party is scheduled to be held tomorrow evening, June 19<sup>th</sup>. During the party, the Spirit Award will be presented.

**Swim Team:** Currently there are 76 registrants. Judy Mennonna and Jennifer Fu have worked hard to secure coaches for the season. There is a calendar available on the Bee Meadow Swim Team website with all the dates of their matches.

**Youth Public Safety Academy:** T. Quirk reported that he is finishing up the schedule for the Youth Public Safety Academy and a lot trips and activities have been planned. He said it will be educational as well as a lot of fun.

**Spring Permits:** Due to the rainy season Jersey Crew has requested an extension on their permit. The permit will be extended until the end of June. Quirk anticipates there will be other requests as well.

**Fall Permits:** Fall permits will go out on July 15 with a return date of August 15.

**Boats on the Pond:** Quirk reported to date there are only two boats that have been registered, however there are more than that on the pond. He is concerned that old registrations from last year are being used. He will send out an email reminder to all who registered last year that the boats need to be registered each year, as well as notify the police to keep an eye out.

**Dogs on Ball Fields:** There have been complaints that there are dogs on the ball field at Veterans Park as well as reports that the field is being used as a training ground. Quirk spoke with Brian Foran and was advised the problem is that the current signs say dogs are allowed on a leash. Therefore the police cannot enforce this matter until the new signs are installed.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Camp Registrations:** Supt. Brennan reported that registrations for Summer Plus are on the low side. Currently there are 71 registrations whereas there are usually 90 registrations. The Sports Clinics seem to be down as well. However Travelling Teens camp is filled and has a waiting list. Counselor training is being held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Move in day is Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. CPR Training on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> is the first day of camp.

Due to the holiday during the second week of camp all municipal offices as well as the Board of Education offices and schools are closed on Thursday for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Supt. Brennan spoke with Pool Manager Ed Cashen and it was mutually agreed to give a certificate to all campers for Friday to go with their families to the pool.

**Fireworks:** The fireworks are scheduled to be shot at Veterans Park on Monday, July 1, rain date July 2. There will be food trucks here at the Community Center parking lot as well as sand art, balloon design, a bounce house and more. Handicap parking is next door in the municipal lot. Six buses have been scheduled with 5 routes as well as parking at the Ukrainian Church as well as at Halo.

**Big Night Out.** Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> A Big Night Out was held at the pool was held in conjunction with the Coalition as well as Substance Awareness. There was a cabaret, a karate demonstration, and the County was there with ID badges. Chairman Coiley inquired about attendance and asked if he knew the approximate number of people who attended. Supt. Brennan said approximately 25 people attended. She noted there was a conflict with other activities that day including the Duck Race, and there were food trucks in East Hanover all scheduled the same day.

**POOL REPORT:** Revenue is down by approximately \$1,000.00 from last year at the same time. Commissioner Monteverdi noted that there has been a lot of rain and not very warm and is most likely impacting membership. Supt. Brennan suggested next year we could consider a corporate rate for local businesses.

There is \$7,200 remaining in Capitol Budget for two lifeguard chairs. However, the cost is about \$9,000.00 a chair. In 2018 there was approximately \$41,500 dollars put aside for the rock wall and slide. That amount is not enough to do the slide which is the priority. In 2019 we have \$25,000 unallocated and we haven't said where that money is to go. It was reported that we need a chlorine pump and a quote was received in the amount of \$3,810.00. Commissioner Monteverdi would like Supt. Brennan to get a second opinion. **A motion was made by Chairman Coiley to allocate up to \$3,810.00 for a new pump and reallocate money for the slide. Committeeman Berkencamp seconded the motion. All in favor.** Supt. Brennan will meet with Mr. Giorgio tomorrow to see the best way to allocate the funds.

**PAT SAGES MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Supt. Brennan and PC/AS Tom Quirk met with P.J. Sages, Pat Sages son, to talk about a Basketball Memorial Tournament in Pat's memory. The family liked the idea. We would be looking to hold the tournament either November 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. We also reached out to Jay Hersh who coordinates our basketball program and who has experience in running tournaments to help us.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building Remediation:** When this building was built there was a room historically given to the Landmark Commission. They don't want anyone in that room and as a result there is a big mold problem in there. Serv Pro came in, emptied the room, cleaned the mold, and wrapped the pipes. A dehumidifier was installed and runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It needs to be emptied 3-4 times a day. It should also be noted that the A/C units are installed above the room. These valuable, historical documents contained in that room are in jeopardy. PC/AS Quirk noted this is not the first time, but actually the second time there has been this problem in that room. The Commissioners requested Committeeman Mihalko bring these concerns to the Township Committee.

Also, the ducts in the building have not been cleaned since the building was built. Cleaning has been scheduled for the last week in July.

Air conditioning and heat still remain a problem in this building. Ramos is here very often and unfortunately the problem is never resolved.

**Wegmans Hit the Trails:** Supt. Brennan met with Eagle Scout Tim Wainscott and he has a proposal for the posts along the trails.

**Charity Classic Softball:** Supt. Brennan met with Mayor Francioli and Robin Dente regarding the Charity Classic Softball Game between Bayer and Wegmans. It has been scheduled for August 10 with a rain date of August 11. Also, during this event the Sages family will be recognized for their generous AED donations. A concert will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request from Employment Horizons:** A request for transportation has been requested for one of their employees who has been displaced due to a fire and has been relocated to a hotel in Whippany. This individual needs transportation Monday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. until mid-July. This employee's temporary location puts them outside of the current transportation company's transport zone. The DAR guidelines are for any disabled adult from Hanover Township who requires medical transportation when vehicles are available. However Supt. Brennan agreed to take this matter to the Commission's attention. A discussion followed and **A motion was made by Chairman Coiley to deny the request as it is not an appropriate use of the DAR vehicle. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor.**

**Measles:** Our new medical software for camp has a section to upload immunization records. A couple of families would not cooperate due to religious objections to having their children immunized. Supt.

Brennan had a concern about this and spoke to the health department. They confirmed that if a child is not immunized they can be denied enrollment. A discussion among the Commissioners followed . While they agree tha it is a personal decision whether or not to immunize your child it is their responsibility to not compromise the other children. **Chairman Coiley made a motion to require all children who attend camp be immunized and for the parents to provide those records as requested. Commissioner Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**Application for Alternate Commissioner:** Township Administrator Joe Giorgio received an application from Tyler Passero to apply for the position of Alternate Commissioner. A brief discussion followed. The Commission asked Supt. Brennan to reach out to Tyler and invite him to come to the next Recreation Commission for an interview.

**Halloween Events:** Supt. Brennan recently attended the PTA Advisory Committee meeting. At the last meeting it was suggested to combine all Halloween events with Recreation's Masquerade at Malapardis event instead of multiple events throughout the month of October. The Commissioners agreed it was a good idea.

**Turf Field:** Committeeman Mihalko said there was a need for the Commission to break down their options and make a decision on which way they would like to go with a turf field. Not decide where, but rather decide if the commission would like to turf an existing field or develop a new field. Mihalko noted that an informal consensus by the Open Space Commission was of the opinion that a new field is the direction we should be looking at. A lengthy discussion followed. A vote was taken on whether the commissioners would like to turf the existing Brick Yard Field or add a new multi-purpose field. **By a unanimous vote, the Commissioners voted to add a new multi-purpose field.**

**Travelling Teens:** Commissioner Salese brought to the attention of the other Commissioners that she has been approached by multiple parents about the possibility of extending the Travelling Teens through the month of August. Supt. Brennan said that although it is not possible to extend the camp this year it is something to consider for next year.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:** Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers from the July 11, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Committeeman Mihalko made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 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 8:50.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill  
Board Secretary