

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

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

Everyone who attended the meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were Commissioners: G. Salese, P. Berkenkamp, R. Brueno, P. Monteverdi, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman M. Mihalko, and Supt. D. Brennan.

Commissioner Giorgio 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

CJ Engleberger, 15 Sunrise Drive, Whippany introduced himself and stated he was there because of his interest in the open position (Alternate Commissioner) on the Board of Recreation Commissioners. Mr. Engleberger outlined his qualifications and his experience to the board. A brief question and answer period followed.

Dianne Jones, 67 Kearney Avenue, Whippany introduced herself and stated she was there for several reasons. Her first issue was regarding the lights at Black Brook Park that are not working. Supt. Brennan explained that both Brian Foran and Brian Pillion have been notified and have fixed them. However, they were broken again due to vandalism. In addition they are concerned about putting money over and over into the lights as a major overhaul is needed. PC/AS Quirk stated he received a quote approximately 6 months ago and to replace the lights it would be approximately \$87K. Commissioner Brueno suggested calling Star-Lo for a short-term solution. Supt. Brennan will follow up.

Ms. Jones asked for an update on Malapardis Park as well as the likelihood of adding a pickleball court at that location. Supt. Brennan had an engineering report that will cover her questions and invited her to stay. Supt. Brennan also thanked Ms. Jones for organizing the evening pickleball league.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supt. Brennan share a memo she wrote to Mr. Giorgio, Township Administrator, indicating that the PBA applied for a one time use of alcohol at their event on October 5th as well as requested the use of Veterans Field for the event. The memo communicated the result of the vote at our last meeting. The Commissioners voted yes to the one time use of alcohol, however denied the use of Veterans Field. The PBA then were approved for the use of Brick Yard Field.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committeeman Mihalko brought the Commissioners up to date on Whippany Fire Department's transferring possession of the building from the Fire Company to the Fire District as well as gave an update on the refinancing of their loan.

Committeeman Mihalko talked briefly about the Pine Plaza and River Park projects . He suggested to anyone who was not able to attend the meeting to watch the recording on YouTube. The lawyer was clear and concise and was able to put an end to a lot of false rumors. He invited anyone who has questions to please feel free to reach out and call, text or email him.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Supt. Brennan shared the following report from Dave Leo, Assistant Township Engineer:

- 1) Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase II: Installation complete.
- 2) Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide – Slide options under review. RFQ to be completed by end of summer. Anticipated installation in the fall of this year.
- 3) Basketball Court – Completion of plans and specifications anticipated in September with installation this fall.
- 4) Malapardis Park Tennis Court Resurfacing – Completion of specifications anticipated in September with installation this fall.
- 5) Bee Meadow Pool Deck Repairs – Pool facility was surveyed May 22nd. Trip hazard, crack repair and expansion joint repair totaled \$35,834.00. There are insufficient funds to proceed with this work this year. Project will be re-evaluated next year.
- 6) Bee Meadow Park Playground Installation – Playground equipment installation and final grading complete.
- 7) Veterans Park Sidewalk for Playground and Bleachers – Contractor started construction August 14th. ADA ramps and sidewalks for softball and baseball bleachers completed August 20th. ADA ramp and sidewalk for playground under construction. Anticipated completion by August 23rd. Electrical conduit and wiring hit by contractor was repaired August 20th; however, another unknown conduit type was hit during excavation for the playground sidewalk. This will be repaired by August 23rd.

The Commissioners expressed frustration that none of their capital projects have proceeded this year.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Tom Quirk, PC/AS Reported on the following:

Youth Public Safety Academy: The graduation ceremony was held on August 10th. After the ceremony here at the Community Center the graduates went to the to the Municipal Building and were recognized by the Township Committee. The candidate who is the winner for the Best Overall Participation was unable to attend the graduation so he will be recognized by Recreation at the September meeting.

Basketball Registration: A meeting will be held on Monday with Jay Hersch. There are a lot of issues to discuss, including levels of play with other teams.

Wrestling Registration: Applications have been submitted for the high school wrestling room. We are just waiting for Mr. Kaiser to get back to us on black-out dates and then will set up a meeting with Artie Earhardt.

Men's Basketball: They have applied and have been approved for gym time. The blackout dates were received today. The flyer is set and ready to go.

Adult Indoor Soccer: We have applied for the gym time and are waiting for response.

Fall Permits: PC/AS Quirk reported there are a lot of field requests this year, more than typical. They include not only our regular programs and outside teams but also more than usual adult programs. Part of the problem is the teams (that are prioritized by Ordinance) that book the fields and then not use them. Another problem is that we were notified by Public Works not to issue permits for the fall at Veterans ball field because the ground is sinking and needs repair.

Public Works also notified Recreation that Stoney Brook is behind on opening. The field will not be ready by September 1st. The two week delay puts the opening at September 15th. Quirk notified the teams of the delay.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Summer Camp: Supt. Brennan reported a successful summer at both Summer Plus and the Travelling Teens. In addition drama, baking, and Lego camps are going on in the building.

Summer Concerts: All 5 Music Under The Stars concerts have been held.

Girls Softball Recognition: Girls 8U, 10U, and 12U need to be recognized for different accomplishments. They have been invited to Hanover Township Day to come onto the stage with their coach and they will be recognized as a team. In addition, they have been invited to the next Recreation Meeting on September 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. where they will be recognized by the Recreation Commission and they will be given individual certificates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charity Classic: Supt. Brennan gave a recap of the event. This year the score at the Charity Classic was Wegmans -7, Bayer - 6. Supt. Brennan brought some concerns to the Commissioners regarding this event. She noted that while the two businesses are raising money for a wonderful charity, it is not a community event. She explained that she and Robin Dente did everything possible to promote the event, but even after all their effort the turnout was extremely low. The cost to the Recreation Department was \$6,212.00 broken down as follows: Staffing - \$400.00, Sound Company - \$500.00, cost of tee shirts - \$312.00, and the concert cost \$5,000.00. There was supposed to be a sponsor for the concert however that never happened. Supt. Brennan spoke with Mayor Francioli about recouping some of the monetary loss. Currently there is approximately \$4,000.00 left in a Bayer grant and Supt. Brennan has asked that some of that money be reallocated back to Recreation.

Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament: The Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

Table Tennis: We have entered into an agreement with Match Point Table Tennis located on Whippany Road in Whippany. It will be a joint program sponsored by Recreation. We will take the registrations and provide advertisement. They will run the program at their facility. This is the same relationship we have with US Sports Institute. The coach for this program is the National Coach for Table Tennis.

Hanover Township Day: Supt. Brennan distributed the program from Hanover Township Day and covered some of the highlights of the day. They include Dick Kitchell with his horses and wagon rides, paddle boats, watermelon eating contest, the First Presbyterian Church will be there with Habitat from Humanity and Home Depot who will be making bird houses. In addition there is food, bounce houses, and much more. An email with everyone's assignments will be sent shortly.

CLOSED: Chairman Coiley made a motion to close the meeting to the public at 8:45 p.m.

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 8:50 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

Peter Berkenkamp made a motion to table the recommendation to the Hanover Township Committee to appoint Tyler Passero as the 1st Alternate Recreation Commissioner until the September 17, 2019 Recreation Commission Meeting. Gabriella Salese seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.

Bob Brueno made a motion to approve the recommendation to the Committee to appoint Tyler Passero as the 1st Alternate Recreation Commissioner at the September 17, 2019 If no other applications for the position are received. Peter Monteverdi seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.

Peter Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the recommendation to the Hanover Township Committee to appoint C J Engleberger as the 2nd Alternate Recreation Commissioner at the September 17, 2019 Recreation Commission meeting if no other applications for the position are received. Peter Monteverdi seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers from the September 12 , 2019 meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Monteverdi made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2019 meeting . Commissioner Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Brueno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary