

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 29, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

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

ATTENDANCE: Present were Commissioners: G. Salese, P. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, Alternate Commissioners T. Tasso, and CJ Engelberger, Chairman J. Coiley, Committeeman M. Mihalko, Supt. D. Brennan, and T. Quirk, Program Coordinator/Asst. to the Supt. (PC/AS)

Commissioners P. Monteverdi and R. Brueno were absent.

Everyone who attended the meeting 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Tom Cobane and his family requested permission to install benches in honor of his father, Bob Cobane, who passed away on August 1st. If approved they would install the benches by early spring in the following locations:

One at Stoney Brook soccer field by the water shut off;
One at Veterans Baseball Field along the first base line by the water fountain;
One by the outfield of the small baseball field at Black Brook;
One at the top of the hill behind the large field at Black Brook;
Three along the first pond at the Brickyard and one by the handicap dock;
Two along Reynolds Avenue.

A motion was made by Committeeman Mihalko to allow the benches to be installed, seconded by James Coiley. All in favor.

Supt. Brennan thanked the Cobane family for their very generous offer.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

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

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide: - Slide specifications from manufacturer were received September 26th and are under review.

Basketball Court: Completion of plans and specifications anticipated this fall with installation next spring.

Malapardis Park Tennis Court Resurfacing: Completion of specifications anticipated this fall with installation next spring.

Bee Meadow Pool Deck Repairs: Pool facility was surveyed May 22nd. Trip hazard, crack repair and expansion joint repair totaled \$35,834. Insufficient funds to proceed with this work this year. Project will be re-evaluated next year.

Bee Meadow Park Playground Installation: Playground equipment installation and final grading complete.

Veterans Park Sidewalk for Playground and Bleachers: Complete.

Supt. Brennan noted that she followed up with a phone call to Engineering to let them know of her concern that the pool will be opening on May 22, 2020 which is earlier than usual, and as such the slide will have to be installed in April in order to be ready for opening.

Committeeman Mihalko said there was a construction meeting about Phase I of the Bee Meadow Brickyard Trail, and although he couldn't make it to the meeting he was updated on the project. He said the County was aware of the shortfall of funds and are trying to come up with a way to make up the difference. If they can't figure out a way to allocate the funds, Phase II and/or III may have to be cancelled.

POOL FINANCIAL REPORT: Silvio Esposito, CFO distributed a detailed financial report to all Commissioners. A copy of report is on file.

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT: Eddie Cashen, Pool Manager distributed a report outlining activities, repairs, personnel, and safety during the 2019 Bee Meadow Pool season, as well as recommendations and his "wish list" for the 2020 season. A copy of report is on file.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: George Coppola, Ed Mascarillo and Ron Engle, representatives of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) spoke to the Commissioners about moving the the Deck Gun Monument from the VFW building location to Veterans Field. The VFW building was recently sold, and although the new owners agreed to keep the monument on the property there is concern among the Veteran's groups that the monument might not be given proper care. As such, Mr. Coppola proposed moving the monument to Veterans Field. The Veterans' groups will completely restore the Deck Gun, hire a Rigger to transport it, have it placed on a platform to support its weight, and memorialize it with a plaque, all at their expense. The idea was met with enthusiasm by the Commissioners. **A motion was made by Committeeman Mihalko to approve moving the Deck Gun Monument from the VFW location to Veterans Field, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All voted in favor.**

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Quirk, PC/AS report on the following:
FALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Basketball: Currently registrations are low, however he anticipates they will increase over the next few weeks. Evaluations for grades 7-8 are scheduled for next week. Clinics K-2 will begin in several weeks. In 2018 Hanover Township participated in a travel league that wasn't a good fit. After reevaluation we reached out to surrounding towns to see if they were interested in forming an "in area" Travel Program. Florham Park, East Hanover, Morris Plains and possibly Denville will be participating. With regard to girls basketball, unfortunately there was not enough interest to formulate a travel team for the girls at any level. We received a total 5 registrations for all grade levels.

In honor of Pat Sages, the Basketball tee-shirts will have Pat's initials (PS) on the front of the shirts.

Wrestling: There are 34 registered for wrestling. Quirk, PC/AS, has been working with Art Ehrhardt on scheduling and purchasing uniforms.

Ski: The parent meeting is scheduled for November 11th. As of now, we have 37 registered for the program. We received notification from Shawnee that this year the mountain will be closing one hour earlier than in the past. Good news. Pete Messina who volunteered for many years as a ski club chaperone but had to take a break the last few years because of other commitments has reached out and will be coming back to volunteer again this year.

FALL PERMITS

Fall permits are winding down for softball and baseball and will be ending November 15th. Soccer usually extends until November 24th. The AEDs are still in the parks, but since they are sensitive to temperature changes they will soon be removed from the parks. Once the AEDs are removed a coach from each sport will be given one to take to their games until their season is complete.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committeeman Mihalko asked the Commissioners to start thinking about whether or not to allow the use of alcohol in the park. If alcohol is permitted what parameters should be considered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Brennan reported on the following:

Masquerade at Malapardis Recap: There was a great turn out, with approximately 800 children in attendance. Thank you to the various organizations that sponsored houses and to the INTERACT Club for volunteering their time to help at the event.

Volunteer Recognition Reception: Invitations have been sent to volunteers for the Recreation Department's Volunteer Recognition Reception on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hanover Manor.

Here Comes Santa Claus: The next event will be "Here Comes Santa Claus" on Saturday, December 7th at the Community Center. The doors open at 1:30 p.m., Santa arrives at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, arts and crafts and pictures with Santa.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament: The Pat Sages Memorial Basketball Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Middle School in the Viking Gym. This gives the Recreation Department the opportunity to promote the event through our basketball season. This is a great cause for a wonderful Commissioner.

BUDGET:

Facility/Light Fees: Years ago certain Hanover Township Youth groups were exempt by ordinance from paying fees for facility usage. Over time splinter groups consist from the groups that had been memorialized. However, even though these splinter groups consist of Hanover Township youth they are not mentioned in the ordinance so they pay a fee. What needs to be considered is if the ordinance should be changed to include these splinter groups and if so what the fee should be in order to be fair to all. Supt. Brennan asked the Commissioners to be prepared to discuss this issue at the November meeting.

PROPOSED CAPITAL REQUESTS:

Supt. Brennan asked the Commissioners to be prepared to discuss ideas for proposed capital expenditures at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bus Quotes for Ski Club: A request for quotes was sent to three bus companies for the 2020 Ski Club transportation. Vanderhoof Bus Company was the lowest bidder and we will send that recommendation to the Township Committee.

Pearly Whites Sponsorship Request: Pearly Whites, located in Whippany, would like to sponsor Recreation Basketball by way of paying for the t-shirts, and their name would be on the back of the shirts. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Committeeman Mihalko to support their request, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. A vote was taken. Three votes to approve, three votes to deny, 1 abstention. Further discussion followed and it was agreed that Supt. Brenna would follow up to see if Pearly Whites were willing to sponsor the program as opposed to just shirts. The cost of sponsoring the program would be approximately \$5,000.00

OTHER:

November Meeting Date: Supt. Brennan reminded everyone the date for the November meeting has been rescheduled to November 12th.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers from the October 10, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting . Committeeman Mihalko seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Salese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Coiley. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary