

**Board of Recreation Commission  
Special Reorganization Meeting  
January 17, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Community Center.

Everyone who attended said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supt. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Brennan 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 Township Clerk.

Present: Commissioner G. Salese, P. Monteverdi, P. Berkenkamp, M. Giorgio, C. Engelberger, C. Calabro, J. Coiley, M. Mihalko, R. Brueno, D. Brennan, T. Quirk

Absent: Board Secretary, J. Getsinger

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to appoint Jim Coiley for a new term. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Chairman Coiley made a motion to appoint Robert Brueno for a new term. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FACILITIES:** M. Giorgio, G. Salese

**PROGRAMMING/SPECIAL EVENTS:** M. Giorgio, G. Salese

**PERSONNEL:** J. Coiley, C. Engelberger, P. Monteverdi

**FINANCE/POLICY/PROCEDURE:** R. Brueno, P. Monteverdi

**FACILITY & EQUIPMENT:** R. Brueno, C. Calabro, C. Engelberger, P. Monteverdi

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT:** Chairman Coiley made a motion to re-appoint Superintendent Denise Brennan. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**END OF YEAR REPORT:** Superintendent Brennan shared the following end of year report:

**Events and Programs:**

Attendance for Recreation programs, activities and events have surpassed pre-pandemic levels. The Patriotic Celebration and Hanover Township Day drew big crowds. More than 6,000 people attended events, programs, or activities at the Community Center. Program and activity fees collected in 2022 topped \$270,000. Healthy Kids Running which is co-sponsored by Recreation had 150 participants. Recreation received requests to form an Adult Women's Basketball night which will be started the end next week. Many options of pickleball include nighttime pickleball, daytime pickleball and recently just added Sunday pickleball. Instructional pickleball will begin in March at the Community Center. This year we are bringing back the Kids Triathlon and we are now planning the event.

**Bee Meadow Pool:** Collected \$255,000 in registration fees.

**Bee Meadow Swim Team:**

The Bee Meadow Swim Team had record level participation this year with a little over 100 swimmers. The Bee Meadow Swim Team hosted the Morris County Swim Team championships at the Bee Meadow Pool.

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Board of Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Community Center. Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Superintendent Brennan shared the following correspondence:

Submitted a letter to NJ Department of Community Affairs for 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for \$100,000. The letter is to certify that that the Township of Hanover owns and provide all maintenance for the property at Bee Meadow Pool where improvements will be made for this grant. Letter was signed by Mayor Gallagher. The letter will be submitted on January 29, 2023.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** No correspondence

### **Township Committee Report:**

Committeeman Michael Mihalko shared the following Township Committee Report:

Committeeman Mihalko had a meeting about four identified projects for 2023.

1. Brickyard Turf Field: Township submitted DEP Permit last month and is awaiting permit.
2. Black Brook Tennis Court Lights: A meeting needs to be scheduled between GPU, PSEG, JCPL and the Township of Hanover. Major gas and electric lines run under the field.
3. Malapardis Tennis Courts: Considering different options that may be less expensive.
4. Black Brook Big Field (60/90 Field): Turf infield.

Committeeman Mihalko had a meeting with Chief Financial Officer, Silvio Esposito about the existing funds in Recreation and Open Space. He accounts that those funds should cover all the projects.

Superintendent Brennan received a quote from Superior Play Systems for re-matting Monroe Hall Tennis Courts. Superintendent Brennan stated that she needs to check with the Business Administrator since the company is not part of the Co-Op. She shared that it would not affect the basketball court because that would be \$32,000. The Monroe Hall tennis court would be under the threshold. The Township is looking to add a basketball court at Upper Malapardis in 2024.

Committeeman Mihalko shared that the committee is focused on reinvesting in the towns infrastructure. He also shared that Thomas “Ace” Gallagher was voted as Mayor. Mike Mihalko is now Deputy Mayor.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Pam Tutiven, 21 Cove Lane Road, Whippany stated that she has been playing pickleball at the Community Center on Wednesday nights and noticed there has been a lot of new people playing. She shared that people are waiting longer and maybe two sessions would be better.

Superintendent Brennan suggested that maybe two nets can be for the faster paced players and one net for the slower paced players. She also shared that Recreation would be offering Instructional Pickleball in the Spring.

Pam Tutiven asked if the proctor could organize the players. Superintendent Brennan responded that the proctors responsibilities are to ensure safety while the building is occupied.

Jeanine Walsh, 32 Gail Road, Morris Plains asked if the proctor could set up. Superintendent Brennan responded that the proctor does not facilitate the programs.

Valerie Ward, 194 Bee Meadow Pkwy, Whippany shared that she has been playing pickleball for a long time. She stated that the rubber pieces that mark the floor are dangerous. She asked if there is anything else to line the floors inside. Ms. Ward also asked if there are future plans for other courts and if so, they should be all in one place. Committeeman Mihalko suggested gaffer tape or matting. Superintendent Brennan said she will look into the gaffer tape that was mentioned by Committeeman Mihalko.

Pat Tierney, 501 Appleton Way, Whippany asked if lines can be painted on the floors at the Community Center. Committeeman Mihalko responded that the floors are not designed for it.

Mary McCaughey, 24 Adams Drive, Whippany asked if someone from pickleball can be consulted when new lines are painted on the outdoor courts.

Diane Jones, 67 Kearney Avenue, Whippany stated that it is great to hear about all the upcoming projects. Ms. Jones asked if the price for the courts at Malapardis were for just the courts or the courts/roller hockey. Committeeman Mihalko responded that the price was just for the courts. Ms. Jones asked how much other towns paid for their courts. Committeeman Mihalko shared that the township spoke with multiple companies and all quotes came in at the same price.

Ms. Jones asked if there is additional gym time at the schools because she noticed Women's Basketball was added. Superintendent Brennan responded that the gyms are well reserved and Women's Basketball is in the small gym. Superintendent Brennan shared that Recreation is planning on offering Instructional Pickleball in the Spring. Ms. Jones suggested that Wednesday night pickleball should be split into two sessions. Superintendent Brennan explained that all participants paid to be at pickleball for the same amount of time.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Tom Quirk Asst. Supt. reported on the following:

### **Bobcat Wrestling**

Assistant Superintendent Quirk shared that the Hanover Bobcat had a winning season 6-2. Registration was up 20% compared to last year. New singlets were ordered for this season as

well. Commissioner Engelberger shared that the singlets came in two weeks ago and that everyone was happy about it.

### **Ski Club**

Assistant Superintendent Quirk shared that the first week of skiing was a little slushy, but it ended up working out. The second week was cancelled, and we are working on scheduling a makeup.

### **Basketball**

Assistant Superintendent Quirk stated that basketball is running smoothly this season. He shared the following registration numbers.

Grades 3-4 Boys: 38 registrations, 4 teams

Grades 3-4 Girls: 41 registrations, 5 teams

Grades 5-6 Boys: 23 registrations, 4 teams

Grade 5-6 Girls: 15 registrations, 2 teams

Grade 7-8 Boys: 19 registrations, 2 teams

Grades 7-8 Girls: 8 registrations, 1 team

Travel Basketball: 10 registrations, 1 team

### **Spring Field Requests**

Spring Field requests were sent out on January 16, 2023. Additional club teams are looking to use Veterans Field.

Assistant Superintendent Quirk shared that he had a conversation with Supt. Brennan about acknowledging the Eagle Scouts who completed their Eagle Service Project by doing a project at one of the parks. They would be invited to the March or April meeting to be acknowledged.

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

Superintendent Brennan shared that Recreation has been having significant problems with Girls Lacrosse program. Pre-pandemic an outside club team infiltrated Recreation's Girls Lacrosse program. This outside club team wants to be recognized by the Jersey Girls Lacrosse Association as a recreation program. Supt. Brennan shared that she sent a letter to Florham Park and East Hanover Recreation in regard to the situation.

Superintendent Brennan also shared that there was interest in having daytime mahjong. She said that Recreation opened Thursday afternoons for drop in Mahjong and only two people showed up.

### **Upcoming Events**

January 29, 2023: Rutgers Wrestling Bus Trip

February 10, 2023: Silent Dance Party

### **Old Business:**

Superintendent Brennan shared that she added two new proposed programs to the budget. First one is Hometown Hero's flags which show the hero's name, picture in uniform, branch of military and dates of service. The flags would be hung all year round at Veterans Park and the Municipal Complex. Residents would be able to order the flags twice a year. Residents typically pay for the flags and Townships typically pay for the hardware. The cost to the township would be \$5,000.

The second proposed item to add to the budget is to expand the budget for the Volunteer Recognition. The event would be open to all Township run committees.

Capital Budget- Install additional card swipers within the Community Center to ensure safety and to install a door swap at Monroe Hall.

Stage- Earmark \$30,000 this year towards a purchase of a stage. Business Administrator, Joseph Giorgio to speak with East Hanover Township, Business Administrator, Joseph Tempesta about sharing the cost.

### **Other:**

New Hires: Val Kostenko was hired as a Procter and Stefanie Brilinski was hired as a Dial-A-Ride driver.

Eddie Cashen and Jennifer Bramhall set up a go fund me page in honor of Dee Smith. They raised enough to purchase two benches to install at the pool.

Summer Concerts maybe at Malapardis because of the scheduled work at Brickyard Field.

### **MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:**

**Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the January 12, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Engelberger seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Coiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Giorgio. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Getsinger  
Board Secretary