

**Board of Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 21, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Commissioner Coiley called the meeting to order 7:30 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.

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

Absent: P. Berkenkamp

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No Comments from the public.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committeeman Mihalko reported on the following:

The Township Committee was supposed to have a meeting about the fields, but it was moved to March 23, 2023.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Superintendent Brennan** reported that she sent a letter of request for buses for summer camp to Superintendent Wasko and Head of Transportation, Michael Raucci from Hanover Township Board of Education. Michael Raucci responded that there are a few bus drivers retiring in June and that it will impact the schedule. He said he will get back to us with the dates they are able to accommodate and, in the meantime, we will be calling around to different bus companies.

**Superintendent Brennan** stated that she reached out to Superintendent Maria Carrell from Hanover Park Regional for bussing and hasn't heard back yet.

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

- 1) Bee Meadow Pool Men's Shower Renovation – The showers were installed September 20<sup>th</sup> with the exception of the grab bar which was installed October 26<sup>th</sup>. Project complete except for final plumbing inspection to be conducted once the water at the pool is turned on.
- 2) Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II – Construction started August 29<sup>th</sup>. Majority of path is completed. Bridge materials delivered and staged on-site. Meeting held with contractor and consultant to discuss options to resolve unforeseen site conditions that will result in additional costs. Waiting for cost of change order from contractor.
- 3) Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III - NJDEP permits issued January 25<sup>th</sup>. As a result of a March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with concerned residents who are opposed to Phase IV, the Township will contact the Morris County Parks Commission to discuss how changes to the project will affect grant funding.
- 4) Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV – NJDEP permits issued January 25<sup>th</sup>. As a result of a meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> with concerned residents that are opposed to Phase IV, the Township will contact Morris County Parks Commission to discuss how changes to the project will affect grant funding.
- 5) Bee Meadow Pool Grate Replacement – Project began on February 24<sup>th</sup> with the removal of existing grating. New grates expected be delivered by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Anticipate installation of new grating to start the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Malapardis Tennis Court Resurfacing – Meeting held with vendor on February 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss Snapsports tile product. Vendor believes this product would be a viable option given the condition of the courts. Vendor prepared a budget estimate and specifications are being prepared for public bid.
- 7) Bee Meadow Park Turf Field – Revised plans received January 10<sup>th</sup> are under review. Construction estimate received February 1<sup>st</sup> is under review. Meeting scheduled on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss bid proposal with contractor.
- 8) Black Brook Park Tennis Courts and Roller Hockey Lighting – Working with Musco on providing a revised estimate to include items not addressed in their original quote.
- 9) Bee Meadow Life Guard Stands – Phase III – Draft specifications are under review.
- 10) Black Brook Park Basketball Court Surface Installation - Preparing RFO.
- 11) Bee Meadow Pool Women's Shower Renovation – Ordinance to secure funding introduced at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting. Scheduled for adoption at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 12) Bee Meadow Pool Starting Block Repair - Ordinance to secure funding introduced at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting. Scheduled for adoption at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

13) Bee Meadow Pool Chlorine Tank Replacement – Need to prepare Ordinance for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting to secure funding for replacement.

14) Bee Meadow Pool Splash Pad - Need to prepare Ordinance for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting to secure funding for design. Meeting with consultant scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss project so consultant can prepare design proposal.

**Commissioner Brueno** commented on the letter Superintendent Brennan sent out to previous and perspective pool members. He said that it was well written and well documented.

**Superintendent Brennan** said that Recreation has not received any complaints about the increase in price for pool memberships.

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

Superintendent Brennan thanked Assistant Superintendent for doing an excellent job this past weekend at the Community Center. Assistant Superintendent Quirk is the Office of Emergency Management Director. She explained that the American Red Cross set up shelter at the Community Center for the displaced hotel guests in town due to a fire at the hotel.

**First Aid for Pets:** The event was very well received.

March 7, 2023: 43 participants

March 16, 2023: 32 participants

**Egg Hunt:** April 1, 2023, at Veterans Field. 10am-11:30am

**Commissioner Matthew Giorgio** suggested that an email be sent out earlier to the Recreation Commission regarding Recreation events.

**NYC BUS TRIP:** The Play that Went Wrong on April 22, 2023. Tickets are \$110.

**Annual Fishing Contest:** Fishing Contest will be held at Malapardis Park on April 29, 2023, from 9am-12noon. Prizes are sponsored by the Hanover Township PBA 128. Fish will be stocked a few days before the event.

**Get Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs:** June 3, 2023, at Malapardis Park. This is being sponsored by the US Wildlife, Hanover Township Recreation and Substance Awareness Council.

**Mayors Wellness:** The Township of Hanover has been designated as an up-and-coming town to see. The Mayor will be working out with the senior community on March 25<sup>th</sup> with Instructor, Ava Ventrone. The mayor will also be joining the youth sports organizations throughout the next month.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Assistant Superintendent Quirk reported on the following:

**Travel Basketball:** Successful season with competitive teams.

**Recreational Basketball:** The season was successful, but it was recognized that there were dominating teams from other towns. Discussion with Jay Hersh about introducing a new coaching course instead of the Rutgers Coaching course. Will reach out to surrounding towns to see if there is any interest in new coaching course.

**Bee Meadow Swim Team:** As of today, there are 82 participants registered. There will be an informational Zoom Meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023.

**Fields:** There will be a virtual meeting on Thursday for anyone holding a field permit for the season. The club teams were split into two hour blocks this season.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Superintendent Brennan** shared that she attended the Wrestling banquet on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Superintendent Brennan** shared that we will be recognizing youth basketball and wrestling achievements at the Recreation Commission meeting next month at 7 PM.

She also noted that a Bee Meadow Swim Team participant will have a chance to receive the "Judith Mennonna Outstanding Swimmer Leadership" award at the end of the season. Judith Mennonna was president of the Bee Meadow Swim Team for a few years and suddenly passed away last July. Commissioner Brueno reached out to the Mennonna family to speak with them about it.

**Superintendent Brennan** reported that Garden State Fireworks won the bid for the fireworks for June 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 1<sup>st</sup> at Veterans Field. The band Heart of Gold will be kicking off the concert series at the Patriotic Celebration.

Camp registration opens online Monday, April 3, 2023 for Summer Plus, Travelling Teens and Wildcat Sport Camps.

**Assistant Superintendent Quirk** shared that Recreation received a request about a Women's softball league. We sent out an email blast to gauge interest and about 40 people responded. We will set up a meeting with the people who are interested in going over their expectations.

**OTHER:**

Superintendent Brennan informed the Recreation Commission that Substance Awareness is hosting a Narcan training on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

**MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:**

Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the March 9, 2023, Township Committee meeting. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, Recreation Commissioner meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Chairman Coiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Salese. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jaime Getsinger  
Board Secretary**