

Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via ZOOM video conferencing.

Chairman 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: R. Brueno, M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, G. Salese, Committeeman Mihalko, Alternate Commissioner T. Tasso, Alternate Commissioner C. J. Engleberger, Chairman J. Coiley, Supt. D. Brennan, and T. Quirk, Assistant Superintendent.

Alternate Commissioner P. Berkenkamp joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dianne Jones, 67 Kearney Avenue, Whippany, asked if the lights at Black Brook are working. Asst. Superintendent Quirk responded that lights are working but some are being repaired. Ms. Jones also asked about the status of Malapardis tennis courts. She said her understanding was that the tennis courts are on hold even though funding has been approved. Mihalko said that he has been in touch with Engineering. The project went out to bid awhile back, and at that time there were no bids. Therefore the project has to go out to bid again. There has been talk of trying to get the project done through a co-op, and currently we are waiting for a response. Unfortunately, right now the project is in the hands of Engineering. Ms. Jones also said that she heard that "roads" have become priority. Committeeman Mihalko responded that isn't necessarily what the hold up is now. Partly it is time allocation from Engineering. They had planned to hire someone but to date they still have not. He added this is a continuing frustration among the Recreation Commission. Committeeman Brueno asked Supt. Brennan if those courts are slated for Pickle Ball as well. Supt. Brennan responded yes, it is part of the project. It was suggested that Ms. Jones bring her concerns to the Township Committee as well.

Chairman Coiley asked if there were any other comments from the public. With no response he moved to the next item on the agenda.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Committeeman Mihalko said he had nothing to report at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide/Rock Wall: Project complete; however there has been an issue with the anchors coming loose that secure one of the supports for the yellow slide to the concrete deck. He has been in communication with both the manufacturer and the contractor regarding this issue. He does not believe this will prevent the slide from being used, but it will require pool personnel to monitor the situation and tighten the bolts as they have been doing during late summer until a permanent solution is reached.

Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation: Consultant was asked last week for a proposal to prepare plans and specifications.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II: Progress plans received from consultant and are under review.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III: Received grant for \$172,331.50. Proposal for design awarded April 8th.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV: Received grant for \$224,840.00. Proposal for design under review.

Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field: Proposal for Environmental Investigation under review.

Committeeman Mihalko explained the process for Environmental Investigation at Black Brook, and further added that it is a process that will have to be done at every location a multi-purpose field is considered. Most likely we won't hear anything from the investigation for about 3-6 months.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Tom Quirk, Assist. Superintendent reported on the following:

Girls LAX: The girls have already had a few games and they appear to be having fun. The next home games are on April 24th, girls 5-6 at 4:00 p.m., girls 7-8 at 5:00 p.m. Girls 3-4 will play on May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Bee Meadow Swim Team: Registration is currently open. There are 30 currently registered for try-outs, and 41 returning swimmers. As previously reported the new board has hit the ground

running. There is no decision yet as to whether the meets will be virtual, in person, or a mixture of both. We will keep you up to date on the decision.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Supt. Brennan reported on the following:

Zoom Meetings for Camp: Tomorrow evening (April 21, 2021) there will be a Zoom meeting for parents to answer questions about the Summer Plus Program, Travelling Teens, and the Wildcat Camps. We anticipate a good turnout.

Summer Concert Series: Supt. Brennan explained there are only three potential Monday concerts in July this year as the first Monday is the Township’s holiday for Independence Day. The first concert would be July 12th. It’s scheduled to be a family fun night with a family concert, family entertainment, and a magician. July 19th the B Street Band has been booked. We are still looking to schedule a band for July 26th. She said she has had limited success with sponsors. My Limo has agreed to do the shuttle back and forth. Hartz Mountain, Morristown Municipal Airport, A Party Pleasing Rental, and Wegmans have all said yes. Quik Check said to come back next year. Dr. Molinare declined.

Special Event – Movie Night: An outdoor drive-in movie will be held on Friday, May 14th. It will be a joint fundraiser for the FMBA and the Bee Meadow Pool. Currently there is voting online to pick the movie for that evening.

BEE MEADOW POOL:

Membership Report: Superintendent Brennan shared the following Year to Date report with the Commissioners:

2019	2021
298 in town memberships	458 in town memberships
45 out of town memberships	112 out of town memberships
Total Revenue: \$142,000.00	Total Revenue: \$188,350.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Fields: At the suggestion of Commissioner Peter Monteverdi, Supt. Brennan and Asst. Superintendent Tom Quirk met with Robert DePiazza of Field Turf. He provided a lot of information about turfing both Brick Yard and Black Brook fields. She suggested inviting Mr. DePiazza to come and make a presentation at the meeting next month. Then he will be able to answer any and all questions the Commissioners may have. Chairman Coiley very much liked the idea as it would give everyone a chance to review plans and talk about adding the second

field. Everyone was in agreement. Supt. Brennan suggested starting the meeting next month on May 18 one half hour earlier, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Supt. Brennan will contact Mr. DePiazza to confirm.

Request from HTYF: Hanover Township Youth Football contacted Supt. Brennan about putting signs up on Township property and fields. The Commissioners agreed that they could put some signs up as long as they are not distracting to drivers and only place the larger 4' x 2' sign at the field. Property owners are free to do as they please on their own property.

Other: Committeeman Mihalko said that a resident contacted him with concern about the ponds. He requested the Township to consider making all ponds "catch and release." A brief discussion followed, and it was felt that as long as we are following State Statute there is no reason to change.

Supt. Brennan addressed the issue of storage. There is just not enough storage and for economic reasons would like to use the extra storage at Monroe Hall. Currently football stores their uniforms there. Supt. Brennan and Asst. Superintendent Quirk met with them about relocating options for them.

CLOSED SESSION:

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.

RE-OPEN:

The meeting came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session. Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve the hardship request as stated in closed session. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all in favor of approving the request.

Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve the seasonal personnel rates for 2021. Committeeman Salese seconded the motion. Commissioner Brueno, Alternate Commissioner

Engleberger, and Committeeman Mihalko were recused themselves. All others were in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the April 8th meeting. Commissioner Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Giorgio made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19th meeting. Alternate Commissioner Engleberger seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary

