

Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

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: P. Berkenkamp, B. Brueno, C. Calabro, P. Monteverdi, M. Giorgio, G. Salese, Chairman Coiley, Committeeman Mihalko, Asst. Superintendent T. Quirk, and Superintendent. D. Brennan.

Absent: C. Engelberger

Recreation Commissioner M. Giorgio joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Terri Baird 180 Parsippany Rd, Whippany, stated that mosquito season is coming. Reminded the Commissioners to have the field be sprayed for the concerts, to send an email to Morris County Mosquito Commission.

Superintendent D. Brennan responded to Terri Baird that she will remind Brian Foran, Superintendent of Public Works about contacting Morris County Mosquito Commission.

Terri Baird referenced the May/June meeting minutes from 2021. She said that at one of those meetings she explained how people were walking the new paths around Bee Meadow Pond and some people would go off track and wind up in her backyard. She said that she looked back into the minutes, and it stated that they were going to forward the issue. She asked who it was forwarded to so she can track it down. She said that she hasn't heard anything about it since then and that people are still wandering onto her property.

Committeeman Mihalko responded to Ms. Baird that it wasn't clear what she wanted. He asked if she wanted more signage.

Terri Baird stated that there is no delineation where the path ends and where private property begins.

Committeeman Mihalko stated that once path is done it will be better lineated.

CORRESPONDENCE: Written correspondence is for closed session.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Committeeman Mihalko said that after a 2-year hiatus the Memorial Day Parade is back. The route will be the same, but parking will now be at the end of Legion Place. A picnic will be at the Legion after the parade.

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

- 1) **Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation** – Due to delays from the supplier regarding confirmation of available options for the showers and lead time issues with the materials, the upgrade may not be complete by the pool opening but should be completed before the full pool opening in June. Email received yesterday indicated shower equipment delivery in two to three weeks.
- 2) **Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II** – Pre-Construction meeting was held April 26th. Contract has been executed. Construction to begin shortly.
- 3) **Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III** - Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.
- 4) **Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV** – Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP. 90% progress set of drawings received from consultant is under Township review.
- 5) **Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field** – Flood Hazard Area Verification and LOI submitted to the NJDEP on October 12th. Received Flood Hazard Verification dated January 10, 2022. Still waiting on LOI approval.
- 6) **Malapardis Tennis Court Resurfacing** – Engineering Department was directed to proceed with full replacement of the tennis courts. Preparing Specifications.
- 7) **Bee Meadow Park Turf Field** – Ordinance appropriating funding and Resolution authorizing consulting services adopted at the March 10th Township Committee meeting. Meeting needs to be scheduled with B.A. to discuss project bidding/award options. Consultant preparing NJDEP permit applications.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Assistant Supt. Quirk reported on the following:

Bee Meadow Pool Swim Team: Reported last month that they hired a head coach. Since then, we have hired three assistant coaches. Swim Team tryouts are scheduled for June 11, 2022. There are 140 participants registered to try out. He is very pleased with the final swim team schedule.

Background Checks: Background checks are in from Little League, Soccer, and a couple of club teams as well. There is a lot involved with the background checks and it is moving along.

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

Summer Camp: Camp licensing through the state is not needed since camp is held outside. Applied for license via State Department of Health and are now licensed for all camps. Meeting with the local Health Department this week as well.

Summer Concerts:

June 17 – Parrot Beach, a Jimmy Buffet style band at the Bee Meadow Pool from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 11 – The B Street Band, a Bruce Springsteen cover band being held at the Brickyard.

July 18 – Five Wheel Drive, a pop-rock party band held at the Brickyard

July 25 – The Kootz, 70's, 80's, and 90's rock and roll with Fiber

Fireworks: Preplanning meeting with the fire department, OEM and health department is scheduled for May 24, 2022. Garden State Fireworks sends a representative to go over logistics with the DPW. Fireworks are scheduled for Thursday, June 30, 2022, with a rain date of Friday, July 1, 2022. The food trucks that will be in attendance are Avellino's Woodfire Pizza, Benito's Jersey Curbside, Cas Polish Food, Ice Cream Creations, Jose II Catering, Kona Ice, Mr. Sam's Ice Cream and Rev Taco. The band that will be playing is Dr. K's Motown Revue.

6 pm – 7:30 p.m. – DJ & Family Dance Party

7:30 pm – 9 pm – Concert

9:15 p.m. - Fireworks

Recreation Trip: Registration is open for Sister Act at the Paper Mill Playhouse for June 22, 2022. Dinner is not included. Transportation and ticket are \$60.

Discussion among Recreation Commission about looking for new restaurants since Charlie Browns closed.

BEE MEADOW POOL: The pool opens in ten days. Garden State Labs came to inspect on May 17, 2022. The local Health Department is scheduled for May 19, 2022, and the Building Department inspection is May 20, 2022. Bee Meadow Pool is staffed and ready for the season.

Bee Meadow Pool Membership: Superintendent Brennan advised that as of May 17, 2022, that there are 628 memberships. At this time last year, there was 623 memberships.

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623 memberships last year at this time and revenue was \$211,130.

Other: Kathy Whitehead will lead the Blood Borne Pathogen/Epi-Pen Training for the pool and camp staff. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Community Center. A video training from JIF will be provided for the staff who could not attend.

Superintendent Brennan informed the Recreation Commission that the cut off for Pool Memberships for Memorial Day weekend will be Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. The office will close at Noon for processing memberships. Registration for Pool Memberships will resume Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 8am.

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 8:25 p.m. and reconvened into open session. Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve additional seasonal personnel hires. Seconded by

In addition, the Committee voted unanimously to follow the recommendation of Superintendent Brennan to promote Jaime Getsinger to fill Dinah Schill's position and Brittany Heffler to fill Jaime Getsinger's position. No replacement will be hired to fill Brittany Heffler's position, however, Dial a Ride dispatcher Mary Nemec will work the additional hours. Salaries to be discussed with Township Administrator and approved by Township Committee.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the vouchers from the May 12, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Giorgio made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Committeeman Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brueno. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dinah Schill

Jaime Getsinger

Board Secretary