

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for January 20, 2015
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Chairperson – Nicole Wright, Commissioners – Mark Caputo, Peter Herrera, Jim Petersen, Peter Sentowski, Deborah Shertzer, Lydia Cipriani-Spoto, Kelly Thompson; Rec Director – Audrey Lane; Town Council Liaison – John Lester

Absent: Liaison to Board of Ed – TBD

Wright moves to approve minutes from September and October meetings, Spoto seconded; motion passed with no dissent. Note that the November and December meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum.

- I. Beach planning
 - a. Shertzer moves to approve updated beach rules (attached). Thompson seconded and motion passed.
 - b. Matt Gottilla has been hired as the Beach Director this summer. He will be running the swim lessons.
 - c. The commission would like to discuss ongoing concerns regarding the Lake Swim Test with Mr. Gottilla. Will invite him to the next meeting. Group agrees that the Test should focus on capability and survival rather than finer points of stroke and style. It is suggested that the treading section of the test be longer toward this end.
- II. Beach Venue Design
 - a. RSC is the firm submitting the designs. All undertakings will be contingent upon the budget. Borough Manager Robert Tovo has just resigned, and this will slow down the budget process.
- III. Midvale Boat Rack Project
 - a. Mark Prussina has the prototype for the new boat rack. New design will be multifunctional with racks for paddle boards and kayaks as well as canoes and boats
 - b. Planning to terrace the land
 - c. Should be complete by summer
- IV. Board of Education Facility Booking Protocol
 - a. Briarcliff is not using the software, leading to reservation problems and double bookings. Board of Ed considering abandoning RSchools, but this is still in flux.
 - b. Board of Ed has decided to give the Recreation Department a block of hours to allocate to its programs. This is little change from what is happening de facto now.
 - c. Note: greatest problems are during basketball season. Men's basketball gave up some of its time for the kids' programs (as it should).
 - i. A citizen raised a concern about non-residents using the men's Basketball league (Mondays) and open gym (Wednesdays) sessions. The rec director looked into this and found that the rosters show town residents.
 - ii. Commission agrees that recreation basketball programs always have precedence over CYO.

- iii. Director Lane and Deb Shertzer (commissioner and basketball board) plan to shift the men's league later at night to open more time for the rec kids. Will also look into getting Wildwood gym on Saturdays.
- V. New Offices on Rec Commission for 2015
 - a. Chairperson – Deborah Shertzer
 - b. Vice Chair – Kelly Thompson
 - c. Secretary – Lydia Cipriani-Spoto
 - d. Commission will consider possible nominees for present open spot on commission

Rec Director Report

- I. Adventure Camp
 - a. New endeavor to serve middle school kids, rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
 - b. Audrey will gauge interest with a flyer after Feb break. Mr. Mattoon would be in charge. Bus trips every day. Would be expensive but like summer camp, kids could sign up for as many or few weeks as they like.
- II. Summer Camp
 - a. Packets for hiring camp counselors will go out by February break
 - b. Flyers to campers will go out after break
- III. 55+ Group
 - a. Art Muti, president of this group has resigned and so Audrey is now in charge.
 - b. She is unable to get email list after much effort. Situation bordering on the ridiculous, but efforts continue. John Lester will try to help.
 - c. Audrey is welcoming ideas for this group. There is money in their budget to spend.
- IV. Easter/Midvale Park
 - a. Will perform Ribbon Cutting for Midvale Park at Easter Egg hunt
 - b. Date for Easter Egg hunt TBD. Need to avoid sports conflict in order to have high school volunteers
 - c. Commission volunteers for this event: Kelly, Marc, Lydia, Peter
- V. Baseline Concussion Testing coming in late February. Kelly requests better access to information about where to go for post-concussion testing. Answer: Concussion Center in Morristown
- VI. Hub Lakes Resident issue
 - a. Commission feels that the Mountain Lakes resident should play for Mountain Lakes. Hub Lakes charter says the opposite. Residents in question pay dues to Lake Arrowhead and taxes to ML.
 - b. Audrey sent written reply in December saying that ML taxpayers should play for ML. Hub Lakes group to discuss.
 - c. This issue may put the town's Hub Lakes membership in jeopardy.
 - d. Audrey requests a swim team representative join her at next Hub Lakes meeting.
- VII. BC Ski Club very successful in its inaugural year.

Lydia moves to adjourn; motion seconded by Deb. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.