

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for March 20, 2018
7:30 Borough Hall

Present:

- Recreation Director Audrey Lane
- Chair Kelly Thompson
- Board of Education Liaison Lydia Cipriani-Spoto
- Commissioners: Mike Esposito, Heather Prince-Hornby, David Keyt, Beth Gellert, Ina Rose and Mike Esposito
- Proposed new commissioners: Joe Scura and Shaun Lehrer

Absent: Commissioners Jim Petersen, Borough Liaison William Barrett

1. Board business
 - a. Minutes for February revised and passed
 - b. Potential new commissioners, Joe Scura and Shaun Lehrer, introduced
2. Director's Report
 - a. Trout Derby planning underway (Stocking April 13th; Derby April 14th). Will be publicized in Mountain Lakes Living
 - b. Summer hiring underway and summer camps posted
 - i. Overall looking to hire ~75 teens (Hiring philosophy is to give as many teens the chance to work as possible, even if it means less working days for each of them. Good opportunity for them to have summer job references, etc.)
 - ii. Audrey will also be interviewing new swim team coach applicants, as requested by the swim team board
 - c. Morris County Trail Program underway to educate Morris County towns on how to build and clear new trails. Denville is undergoing a big trail project currently. Discussion on whether Mountain Lakes should be pursuing more trails.
 - i. General consensus among commissioners that it is not a priority for recreation commission (and agreement that more trails are not necessarily needed). Audrey will pass along to Woodlands Commission for their review.
 - ii. Heather mentioned conditions of current trails become overgrown – Audrey to follow up with town.
 - d. Easter Egg Hunt – Discussion on options for Easter Egg Hunt (scheduled for 3/25) in light of terrible current field conditions and “state of emergency” snow storm this week. Audrey has been in discussions with various authorities in town – police, coach Flynn, board of education – to discuss options.
 - i. Indoor gyms do not have space for ~300 kids & their families and 3,000 eggs. (And numbers are increasing. More out-of-towners join the Easter egg hunt as many towns have cancelled their hunts and Morris County

- papers/websites have picked up on Mountain Lakes as a location for families looking for Easter Egg hunts).
- ii. Board of Education decided that it could not be held on the turf as these fields need to be kept in good condition (policy of no food/drinks on the turf.)
 - iii. Kelly Thompson and Audrey reviewed field sites today and muddy, slippery, icy conditions seem unsafe for a large Easter Egg hunt. (and will only get worse with impending storm)
 - iv. Vote to cancel (will alert public through blast and virtual backpack. Town website, Audrey's voicemail will also reflect the cancellation)
- e. Beach Renovation
- i. Progress being made and has been handed over to Public Works Committee
 - ii. Initial plans have been pared down to stay within approved budget
 - iii. By April, hoping to get bidding process with contractors started
- f. Boat registration renewals on 4/2. Plans to make it a smoother process this year:
- i. Maps posted with racks and numbers
 - ii. In the large council room at Borough Hall – 2 separate lines for Midvale Dock & all other racks.
- g. Discussion on Mountain Lakes Club cancellations of future events due to their uncertain financial condition. Audrey to verify that MLC still willing to host July 4th festivities.
- h. Tennis FOBs – old FOBs will no longer work. Town invested in new technology that enables them to shut down prior year FOBs and generate annual revenue from FOB renewal.
- i. Discussion on gym space and very limited use for Recreation programs (due to Boonton fire and outdoor field conditions)
3. Wood & Lakes Run
- a. Now a Recreation event (main responsibility is managing money)
 - b. Some discussion on whether age should be extended below 30 years old. Quickly dismissed as original purpose was for adult run & could get really crowded by extending it to children.
4. Discussion regarding TriTown baseball using high school volunteers for concession stands. Beth to follow up with Ryan Falconer (TriTown) and those who could help with high school volunteers (Jeremy Davies, Frank Sanchez, Kathleen Banks, Kevin Wallace)
5. 55+ group continues to have nice program.. During this month's meeting, they were introduced to Nixle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30
Next meeting April 17, 2018