

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for April 2017
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Recreation Director Audrey Lane, Chair Kelly Thompson, Vice Chair Ina Rose, Commissioners Mike Esposito, Heather Hornby, Jim Petersen, Lydia Spoto, Deb Shertzer, Borough Liaison Lauren Barnett

Absent: Board of Ed Liaison John Kaplan, Commissioners Beth Gellert, David Keyt

- I. Board business
 - a. Minutes for January and March passed
 - b. Information on Boat Racks and how to get the one you want is difficult to find. Deb will put together a list of FAQs identifying where the racks are and submit it to Audrey and Rich Sheola for publishing.
- II. Director's report
 - a. Beach Renovation project
 - i. Public Works committee, which owns this project, will hold a public info session on May 15.
 - ii. The intention is to keep the public informed and get any final input, and address any misinformation
 - iii. Plans go to planning board (as a courtesy) on May 18
 - iv. Next step is to put plans out for bids. Turnaround on bidding is usually 90 days. The hope is to start work on September 2017. Both beaches will likely be done simultaneously.
 - b. Field Use policy has been ad hoc. Audrey will work with the town lawyer to define a policy for field use. Next meeting we will review a boiler plate policy and give input. Group agrees that we want to be generous to the community while not impinging on field availability for the kids.
 - c. Sailing – Still planning to have an adult administrator and a sailing trained young adult to run the camp in tandem. Candidates for both spots have been identified.
 - d. Summer Day Camp (Rec Camp) enrollment is lower than same time last year. Week 1 has 15 compared to 20 this time last year, week 2 has 30 compared to 60 last year. Staffing will have to be decreased if this trend continues.
 - e. Other camps
 - i. Tennis camp – going well
 - ii. Golf – signups coming soon
 - iii. Teen camp going well.
 - iv. Need a few more for surf camp.
 - v. Drama camp –counselor from last year is not coming back. Had 20 kids from BT and ML. Will suspend for this year and see what reaction is.
 - f. Scheduling of turf time with the Board of Ed has slowed down as a process – 10 week turnaround. Audrey to follow up with our BOE liaison.

- g. There was an HIB incident in the school that carried over to the ski club trips. Audrey has alerted the ski club chaperone (Mark Walters) and will make sure that everyone signing up knows bullying will not be tolerated
- h. Saint Clare's Hospital will meet with Audrey this week to discuss programs they would like to share with our town.
- i. Easter Egg Hunt was outsourced to a project manager who didn't do much. 3000 eggs were put out, as in prior years. This year we purchased pre-filled eggs. Very well-attended.
- j. Swim team and coach are all set for summer
- k. Briarcliff Soccer is in discussion at the school. Nobody has contacted the rec department on this yet.
- l. Dog Park will be tabled for this year in light of all of the other capital investment underway in the community.

Next meeting set for 5/16/17

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm