

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for July 2016
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present:, Commissioners: Pete Herrera, Brian Higgins, Ina Rose, Lydia Spoto, Nicole Wright, Board of Ed
Liaison: John Kaplan, Recreation Director: Audrey Lane, Borough Liaison Dan Happer

Absent: Chairperson: Deb Shertzer, Commissioners: Mark Caputo, Jim Petersen, Kelly Thompson

Lydia Spoto moves to approve minutes of April and June. Seconded by Ina Rose. Motion passes.

- I. Directors report:
 - a. Group feedback on summer events
 - i. Number of morning lake swimmers from out of town has declined. Attributed to the park ranger
 - ii. Consider creating revenue in future by selling passes to swimmers for the early morning hours
 - iii. Volleyball going well at Birchwood
 - iv. Fireworks were great but very short. Audrey to inquire if they used them all.
 - v. Consider doing a sprint triathlon. Denville holds one.
 - b. Summer Camps
 - i. First week rec camp enrollment is low, and has been in past. May not hold it that week next summer
 - ii. Teen camp was sold out. 44 middle schoolers enjoyed it this year. Unlike the rec camp, there was plenty of demand for the first week of the summer.
 - iii. Tennis camp doing well. Rob Elias from the high school is running it
 - iv. Sailing camp started out slowly but has picked up and enrollment is good. Jane Wolkenstein resigning as Camp Director after this year.
 - v. Drama/screenwriting camp at Island Beach very successful
 - vi. Field Hockey camp starting next week
 - c. Other
 - i. Group asks why Police boat, which was purchased for benefit of sailing camp, is never used. DPW built a dock for it this year.
 - ii. Brother Wisdom concert (classic rock band) at Island Beach was well attended
 - d. Beach Renovation
 - i. Feedback received from community and plans have been revised.
 - ii. New plans will be shown at the Public works meeting on this coming Thursday
 - iii. Existing buildings can not be renovated. Likely will stagger work one beach at a time.
 - e. Issues for discussion
 - i. Somebody is using Midvale Park to give for profit fitness classes. For profit classes must pay a fee to the rec department. Will apply the "Group Lesson" criteria. And the person in question will have to provide proof of insurance and be interviewed by the rec director.
 - ii. Swim board lost a key member: Chuck Graf resigned.

- iii. Beach management working well under Vicki Allison and Emily _____. Vicki and Audrey will conduct year end performance reviews.
- iv. Lifeguards were advised of the tragic drowning in Pequannock and advised to be always alert.
- v. Police concerned about drinking at Island Beach. Commission will recommend to council to change the ordinance to issue permits which would allow for alcohol at certain events. Further to this, the commission recommends that police let "community policing", i.e., the goal of protecting and serving the community, guide their actions.
- vi. The "beach facility" at Island beach includes the picnic area, which is contiguous with the beach. At Birchwood, the picnic area on the beach side is part of the "beach facility." The picnic area on the opposite side, which is open to the public and part of the Tourne path, is not.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm