

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for September 17th, 2019
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Heather Prince, Tom Menard, Michael Esposito, David Keyt (Chairperson), Lydia Spoto, Ina Rose (Vice Chairperson), Gary Resnik, Beth Gellert, Joe Scura, Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director)

Absent: Shaun Lehrer

Meeting Notes

- i. Board Business
 - Minutes from April meeting passed unopposed.
- ii. Director Report
 - Summer Camp Recap
 - All of the numbers are up this summer except for field hockey.
 - Tennis was up from 15 to 38
 - Sailing was 146 to 195
 - Surf was up from 9 to 17
 - Karen is working on process for addressing open spots on the bus for camp field trips next year.
 - Rec camp: 2 of the 5 camps sold out.
 - Minimum wage is increasing next season
 - Need to increase everyone to balance positions.
 - The lifeguard position needs to be increased by \$1.45 per hour. \$5k is the amount needed.
 - Rates for boat racks and rings need to be increased to cover the increase.
 - 236 racks and rings available. \$35 is current rate.
 - Beach tag rates do not need to be increased. Family rate is \$100. Individuals is \$25.
 - In 2018, administered 2200 tags for \$34,030.
 - Beach tag revenue should be allocated to the lifeguard fund
 - The current lifeguard wage is competitive with other communities.
 - Tom to raise the issue with council
 - Rack pricing is below market rates.
 - Need to do research on proper construction/repair of the racks. Concern raised that they are not built appropriately for size of equipment it stores.
 - Motion (Keyt)- Raise rates by \$15 on rack and rings.
 - (Second) Lydia.
 - Motion passed
 - Tom Menard to make recommendation
 - New Guidelines for Racks
 - People putting boats in the wrong spots or multiple in one slot or against a tree

- New guidelines to be added to the application.
 - The guidelines need to be applicable by DPW
 - Suggested to build more racks at Island Beach as part of the construction to meet the current demand. Land exists to accommodate. Cost will be recovered in 1-2 years.
- Resident/Non-Resident Swim
 - Triathlon classes. Karen has received at least 8 complaints. Police and other borough departments get complaints. These are not people who live in town.
 - Car tags are suggested as a way to deter non-resident use.
 - An ordinance would need to be passed that a car tag is required to park there.
 - **Action:** determine what the regulations are for lake access and parking.
- Additional Lifeguard Training
 - Karen researching options
- Swim Test Guidelines
 - Karen received complaints in June.
 - Offer 4 days in June to take the test. 5th grader party is the last week of school. People didn't know what the test was. We will open it up in the first week of June at Birchwood Lake. Going to offer swim lessons. Birchwood is preferred because it is more difficult.
- Bathroom Hours
 - Recommended Birchwood to be kept open to October.
 - Issues that toilets were clogged.
- Dive Boards
 - Have been kept up through labor day
 - For insurance, they need to be removed once the lifeguards stop working.
- Alcohol Permits
 - The website says they are available by permit on the beaches and parks.
 - But there is no permit for that.
- Tennis Fob Renewal
 - Currently you are supposed to renew.
 - In 2015 sold 135
 - In 2019 sold 40
 - The gates are not consistently closed.
 - The system was installed in the past to prevent professionals or non-residents from using the courts.
 - Debbie is the administrator of the system
 - Cost is \$3300 annually for the fob system.
 - Action: Karen to summarize the costs
- Tennis and Yoga Instructor Play
 - Tennis and Yoga Camp. Old deal was Borough took 15%
 - Last year they made \$1,538 for 2018 camp
 - We increase the camp. This year they made \$4300+.(instructor cut)
 - Tennis needs resurfacing.
 - Do we increase the borough split with the instructor?

- Justified by repairs needed and administrator time.
 - Tennis and Yoga.
- Briarcliff Field
 - Is being torn up by boys Lacrosse
 - Boys Lacrosse is not paying to repair it.
 - Recommended that it need an annual re-seeding.
 - **Action:** Karen to explore having all groups charged to use it. Talk to Doug at DPW.
- Fitness Classes
 - Same 40%/25% administration fee
- Island Beach Swing Set location reviewed

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Next Meeting 10/15/19