

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for 9/15/20
7:30 PM Virtual Meeting

Present: Recreation Director- Karen Brennfleck, Chair -David Keyt, Commissioners- Lydia Spoto, Joe Scura, Gary Resnick, Ina Rose, Heather Prince, Cynthia Korman, Borough Liason - Rich Mancuso

Absent: Beth Gellert, Michael Esposito

I. Directors report:

a. Beach Update

- Resident parking stickers/beach access
 - We had to send people to Birchwood because we were over capacity. We had busloads of people coming in. We had people with coolers refusing to leave. The lifeguards monitored things.
 - Next year, we need badge checkers (or rangers at fixed location) vs. the lifeguards doing it.
 - The borough just instituted a new ordinance on parking. "When Posted". Discretion with Borough Manager on when it is most valuable to post. There is no ticketing process or fine.
 - Residents will get tags for their car to be used to identify Mountain Lakes residents who have access to the parking lots. That will reduce non-resident use.
 - Rec Commission to recommend the best hours/days for to the borough manager. **NEXT MEETING**- brainstorm on when to be posted.
 - Tags will only be required when signs are posted.
- Additional nights on the beach
 - The trout derby funds were used to extend days through labor day
 - Looking to open weekends only after Memorial Day, before labor-day.
 - Additionally, new signs were purchased: Lifeguard On/Off Duty
- Residents and non-residents requesting facilities
 - Karen received 1-2 requests a day
 - Now getting requests for the bathrooms to be open for upcoming parties
 - Suggest getting a cleaning service and requiring parties to pay this commercial organization.
 - Need to put something into writing on the website
 - The areas around the beaches are for resident parties
 - **ACTION:** Karen to draft language for review and approval

b. Racks and rings update

- We may be able to fit in more racks.

- We have 292 kayak racks at all locations
 - We have 62 stand up paddle racks
 - We had complaints for why you can renew rather than new residents or new boat owners getting access
 - While we can build more, there is not room to build enough to meet demand.
 - 2020 was an anomaly
 - How many racks and rings turn over each year? Karen guesses 20/30 per year
 - We received many complaints. More was disappointment
 - Commission suggested a sharing mechanism.
 - Benchmarking to Mountain Lakes clubs
 - Idea of a shared-equipment/rental system with private provider
 - **ACTION**: Joe Scura volunteered to research
- c. Program Ideas for
- Younger families
 - Fairy trail
 - Laker 55s
 - Hosting zoom meetings
 - Suggestion of meetings on financial guidance seminars
 - **ACTION**: Gary to gather topics for review
- d. Halloween:
- The event in the village is cancelled due to COVID. They can't sponsor an event where we can't control social distancing. People can go anywhere in town.
 - Recommend a process for house indicating they welcome trick or treaters
- e. Secretary position
- Decision to rotate

NEXT MEETING October 20, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm