

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Minutes for February 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on February 16, 2021 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson David Keyt, with Derek Jackson as secretary.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: David Keyt, Derek Jackson, Gary Reznik, Ina Rose, Lydia Cipriani-Spoto, Mark Odenwelder, Shaun Leher, Tish Scarola

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Khizar Sheikh (Council Liaison), Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Board of Education Liaison, Heather Prince-Hornby

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting January 19, 2021 was made by Lydia Cipriani-Spoto and seconded by David Keyt. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- a. Commission members will be assigned to sub-committees
 - i. Review current sub-committees from commission charter.
 - ii. Discussion of whether historical sizes are appropriate and whether we need additional committees.
 - iii. The council has a goal to achieve a Silver Certification for Sustainable New Jersey. The council would like to create an Arts Council to support this goal. The borough needs an inventory of programs that are in place today. For 2021 Arts will be part of the Program / Events sub-committee.
- b. YMCA programs

YMCA inquired about re-establishing Yoga and other fitness classes on the beach during the Summer of 2021. Historically it was offered to residents and non-residents, free of charge. The town is limiting beach access to residents in 2021 which conflicts with this historical offering.
- c. Pavilion Rental

The recreation department is receiving indications of interest from organizations, clubs and individuals to rent the pavilion. We do not have a clear and formalized process for rental exclusivity. Historically it was communicated that it is a shared space. There was discussion of whether we want to allow rentals and how to resolve conflicts for residents wanting to use it during an hour that it is "reserved".
- d. Borough Program Structure

A program falls under the Borough if the Borough has the primary responsibility for running the program. This would involve collecting the money and putting it into a

- trust at the Borough and covers insurance. All Borough events are covered under the Borough's policy. If an outside organization utilizes the Borough Facilities, it must get submit a Certificate of Insurance or if an individual, a copy of their Homeowner's.
- e. Existing Programs

Many events and programs were canceled or scaled back in 2020. There remains significant uncertainty about what kind of events and programs can take place in 2021 with COVID. The hope is that some of the programs from prior years will resume, potentially in a modified form.

 - i. Mountain Lakes Day
 - ii. Trout Derby
 - iii. Easter Plans
 - iv. Bands / Live Music
 - f. New Programs Ideas
 - i. In support of and aligned to the MLHS Grease musical in April, make a "Grease Week". Movies, Old Car Parade, Karaoke Night etc.
 - ii. Pickleball – The October 2019 resurfacing quote included adding lines for the courts. There are concerns about the suitability of the current surface for Pickleball. If it is not appropriate, alternative locations can be considered for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.
Next meeting March 16, 2021

Actions Items:

- Karen to assign people to sub-committees
- Sub-committees to define charter and time relevant goals with Karen's help.
 - Program/Events sub-committee to create an inventory of community programs for Arts
 - Facilities sub-committee make a recommendation for YMCA programs on beach
 - Facilities sub-committee needs to make a recommendation of policy for pavilion rental
- Derek to queue up Trout Derby with Lakes Commission. Is Trout an appropriate species and is our lake a natural habitat for the Trout?
- Ina will test pickleball on the High School tennis courts