

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes**  
Minutes for October 25, 2022 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on October 25, 2022 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: Phyllis Deering, Derek Jackson, David Keyt, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Ina Rose, Tish Scarola

Non-voting Members in attendance: Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director), Meghan Leininger (Board of Education Liaison), Thomas Menard (Council Liaison)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Heather Prince-Hornby, Gary Reznik

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on September 20, 2022 was made by Derek Jackson and seconded by David Keyt.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Boat Moorings
  - Due to logistics in management and safety concerns, we will continue to not allow boat moorings near Island Beach for the general community. However, there may be a small number from sailing camp participants.
- b. Sailboat Storage Options
  - We will continue to defer the use of the Island Beach rings to the Mountain Lakes Sailing Association. If residents ask about these rings, they should be deferred to Karen.
- c. Pickleball Courts
  - Phyllis Deering to head sub-committee
  - Borough Council has received many communications advocating for courts
  - Short term solutions with minimal costs being considered
    - George Wilson Basketball Court behind ML motors. This would fit two courts with minimal
    - Wildwood playground basketball court. There would be lines but no fencing. Lights are being considered at Wildwood Playground because it is used at night.
  - Long term solutions
    - If we were to build courts, where would they be?
      - Adjacent to the tennis courts near high school
      - Taft field
      - Esplanade parking lot
      - Other
    - Council requests recreation commission to assess and advise
      - Describe options (pros and cons)
      - Get cost estimates from Coop for 4 courts
      - Phyllis, Derek, Ina and Karen volunteered

## 5. New Business

- Nets at Midvale Park
  - Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer would be interested in buying backup nets and installing them at the end lines of the Midvale Field. This would better support practices at the park.
  - Assuming it is privately funded by lacrosse and soccer, Recreation Commission supports this.
- Dog Park
  - The idea was brought to the Borough Council via a petition with 70 signatures
  - Council requests recreation commission to assess and advise
    - Phyllis, Derek, Ina and Karen volunteered
- Christmas Tree Celebration Location
  - Historically we have done it at Kaufman Park (Blvd and Briarcliff Rd)
    - Relatively simple, well organized and contained event
  - Island Beach was used in 2021 due to Kaufman tree lights not working
    - Island Beach was put together on short notice
    - The event was beautiful and very well attended
    - Audio was not clear
    - The s'mores fire pit was not adequately staffed or safe
    - Cookies and hot chocolate were not adequately staffed and created a mess
  - What do we want to do in 2022?
    - Police prefer Island Beach for traffic safety
    - Dec 4 for Tree Lighting, Dec 18 for Menorah
    - There will be a tree and lights at Island Beach as decoration
    - Commission recommends the lighting ceremony be at Kaufman Park with another event at the beach.
- Attendance @ Laker 55 events
  - Attendance has been low
  - There are other events that attract seniors at library
  - Karen asked for ideas of how to better publicize events and attract more participants. There was a suggestion to try using the digital bulletin board to reach the target audience.
- Recreation Commission Vacancies
  - Heather Prince-Hornby and Gary Reznik will retire in December

## 6. Announcements

Next meeting November 15, 2022

## 7. Adjournment

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Keyt seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:50 PM.