

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for April 27, 2015
6:30 PM MLHS

Present: Chairperson – Deborah Shertzer, Commissioners – Peter Herrera, Jim Petersen, Lydia Cipriani-Spoto, Kelly Thompson, Marc Caputo, Peter Sentowski, Nicole Wright; Rec Director – Audrey Lane; Town Council Liaison – John Lester; Board of Ed Liaison – John Kaplan

Motion to pass minutes from February meeting passed with one abstention

- I. Rec Director updates
 - a. Summer Teen camps - inaugural year
 - i. Signups are underway. Two of the weeks are full, two are lightly registered. Group agrees with Audrey's suggestion to open it up to BT, with the caveat that this is at the discretion of the ML Rec department and does not set a precedent for other ML Rec programs.
 - ii. Surf camp presently has 10 registrants. Need at least 15, ideally 20. Participants will be bused to Asbury Park. Open to present 5th – 9th grade kids.
 - b. Non-rec sports team requesting rec field time
 - i. At issue is a hybrid team: it is not a rec team, but it is not part of an outside money-making organization. It is considered a "for profit" team because the trainer is taking a fee, and it does not have 501c3 status. It is composed of MLHS freshman boys plus two out of district players.
 - ii. Group agrees that since this is a town team being run by a parent, we should support them. However, they should be charged a fee as a non-rec team. Research needs to be done to confirm what our fee policy is, and whether it has been voted upon. It would be a per head season charge (e.g. \$10/player for entire season's use of a field).
 - iii. Soccer goals are available at Midvale and Taft, rec lacrosse uses both. Priority must go to rec programs. Taft is also used by Craig School lacrosse and High School quidditch club, but slots are available. Group suggests 5:30-7.
 - iv. Jim Petersen and Pete Sentowski would like to move their girls lax team's practices to Taft from Midvale. This would open up Midvale field for the hybrid team.
 - v. Fee standards will be added to next month's agenda.
 - c. Police participation at rec events
 - i. Group agrees that police and all municipal employees are welcome to participate in all recreation events as ML residents (July 4 races, Trout Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.).
 - d. Out of town trespassers at lakes and beaches
 - i. Audrey continues to work with Chief Bennett to encourage policing of Birchwood Lake and Island beach, where out of town trespassing is rampant during the warm weather days, especially before the season opens.
 - ii. Audrey will write up a suggestion for effective enforcement of the municipal code regarding same.

- II. Rec programs would like to get time on lighted ML Turf field
 - a. Present policy for lights sets standard for “light time”. Rec would like to request to use the lights within that set time frame. Currently, the only groups allowed to use the lights are the school teams. Rec is considered an “outside group”.
 - b. Rec programs would not use a PA system, so there would be no additional noise pollution, which is a neighborhood complaint.
 - c. Deb will draft a request for our review to send to the Board of Ed from the Rec Commission.

- III. Code of Conduct
 - a. Pertains to participants, parents, and coaches. It contains steps for remediation and resolution of infractions. It passed unopposed.
 - b. Rec commission will make this available to its sports boards. Many have their own already, but not all.

- IV. Directors Report for March 2015
 - a. Reviewed by commission. In regard to summer counselors, we will accept applications from BT residents.
 - b. Beach renovation project will likely require a bond issue. To use the town budget would cap yearly development at a point that is detrimental to the project, and it would cause other town needs to suffer.
 - c. Sailing Club did not get recognition from the High School so presently they are operating through the recreation department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.