

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for April 16, 2019
7:30 Borough Hall

Present:

- Recreation Director Karen Brennfleck
- Chair David Keyt
- Borough Liaison Tom Menard
- Commissioners: Ina Rose, Heather Prince-Hornby, Gary Resnik, Beth Gellert

Absent:

- Board of Education Liaison Lydia Cipriani-Spoto
- Commissioner Mike Esposito, Sean Lehrer, Joe Scura

1. Board business

- a. Minutes for March passed
- b. New commissioner Gary Resnik introduced

2. Director's Report

- a. Borough Manager has received requests by out-of-town residents to purchase Mountain Lakes beach passes. Rec. Commission generally agrees with existing ordinance limiting beach passes to Mountain Lakes residents and that it is reasonable for out-of-town residents to purchase a guest pass when accompanied by Mountain Lakes residents.
- b. Summer camp registration is strong
 - i. Especially Teen Adventure camp (Week 2 is almost sold out)
 - ii. Wildwood recreation camp is relatively light but expectation of experienced staff is that camp registration will be stronger closer to the start date. Some discussion about Boonton Township Recreation camp and ensuring that Mountain Lakes recreation camp is competitive and competitively priced (which it is believed to be small ~\$15 difference).
 - iii. New this year, yoga add-on that extends Wildwood Rec Camp to 1pm (from 12pm) and costs \$100 extra. Already positive response.
- c. Trout Derby went smoothly although the number of trout caught has been significantly declining in the past few years (Only 8 caught this year). Discussion on the cause (e.g., change in type of trout, use of different hatchery, lakes are not trout's natural habitat.) The Rec. Commission agrees that residents would enjoy the derby if more fish were being caught. To be explored further before the next Trout Derby...
- d. Easter Egg Hunt went smoothly. Some learnings for next year:
 - i. Need more volunteers (esp. adults for policing and artists for face painting)

- ii. More signage indicating it is for 6 and under (as older children horde the eggs and make it less enjoyable for younger)
 - iii. Borough Manager received some calls from out-of-town residents inquiring about Egg Hunt. Rec Commission agreed that, while not possible to monitor, it should be expressed to out-of-town residents that the Egg Hunt is for Mountain Lakes residents only
- e. Summer hiring:
 - i. Mostly complete for paid counselors
 - ii. CITs will be contacted/interviewed by Kevin Wallace at Briarcliff
 - iii. New sailing director needed for next year
- f. Birchwood renovated facilities should be substantially functional by June (particularly the bathrooms and snack shed).
- g. Boat registration and ring registration successful and completed within an hour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting April 17, 2018