

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for January 2017
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Chair Kelly Thompson, Vice Chair Ina Rose, Commissioners Pete Herrera, Heather Hornby, Jim Petersen, Lydia Spoto, Deb Shertzer, Borough Liaison Lauren Barnett,

Absent: Board of Ed Liaison John Kaplan

- I. Board business
 - a. Commission approved new positions:
 - i. Kelly Thompson, Chair
 - ii. Ina Rose, Vice Chair
 - iii. Lydia Spoto, Secretary
 - b. Commission recognized
 - i. Brian Higgins stepping down from commission due to work commitments
 - ii. Pete Herrera stepping down due to a move out of state
 - c. Commission recommends to council to approve the following as new members
 - i. Heather Hornby
 - ii. David Keyt
 - d. Vote on November minutes postponed to next meeting

- II. Director's report
 - a. Fees
 - i. Council will vote on whether to increase fees for boat racks/rings, beaches, tennis courts
 - ii. Committee recommends no changes to beach and tennis, as those were revised in recent years
 - iii. Committee recommends raising rack and ring fees from \$25 to \$40. This is the first increase in about a decade. Note, for comparison, ML Club charges \$125 for a summer rack.
 - b. Trout Derby April 8, run by Trout Derby committee
 - c. Easter Egg Hunt no longer part of Rec Director's job. Job to be posted on the borough website. Event manager will have to recruit and organize 20 volunteers for the event.
 - d. Spring registrations will be going up soon for track. Audrey lost a very valuable volunteer this year; Dionne Sinclair had been very involved and has moved out of town.
 - e. Working on getting turf time for rec programs.
 - f. Summer plans – teen camp, surf camp, and tennis camp will run again this year.
 - i. Summer rec camp
 - 1. Numbers have dropped; grades are smaller.
 - 2. Will reduce number of weeks from 6 to 5, removing July 4th week.
 - 3. Will have theme weeks such as talent show week, carnival week, etc.

- ii. Sailing Camp needs a new Admiral. Will post. May split the role between a sailing camp alum to manage instruction and technical side and a parent to manage the organizational side.
- iii. Swim Program
 - 1. Vicki Allison will return as Beach Manager. She will oversee administration of swim lessons
 - 2. Swim board is getting organized. It has recently been incorporated, and is seeking 501(c)(3) categorization. Board will hold a general meeting Feb 1 to hear concerns of members.

III. Rec Director Goals for 2017

- a. Support beach renovation project
- b. Have summer hiring complete by Memorial Day
- c. Continue to support the boards of all recreation programs
- d. Find a Hub Lakes coordinator
- e. Continue to push for wider use of facilities
- f. Grow the 55+ group (presently have 14-30 attending meetings)
- g. Investigate construction of a town dog park

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm