

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for November 17, 2015
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Chairperson: Deb Shertzer, Commissioners: Pete Herrera, Kelly Thompson, Jim Petersen, Lydia Spoto, Board of Ed Liaison: John Kaplan, Recreation Director: Audrey Lane

Absent: Commissioners: Mark Caputo, Pete Sentowski, Ina Rose, Nicole Wright, Council Liaison: John Lester

- I. Approval of minutes:
 - a. Minutes from October meeting are not yet published. Will be voted on in December.
- II. Director's Report
 - a. Indoor field Hockey has 35-40 girls. Practicing at the Craig School.
 - b. Presently all gym space is fully allocated for the winter
 - c. Middle School Ski Club registration started today and sold out in 3 hours. There is a waiting list. Audrey would like to accommodate more but the number of "club" passes Mountain Creek will sell her is limited. Ski Club runs 6 trips to Mountain Creek, Tuesday evenings.
 - d. Group discussed a teacher (non-resident) request for a tennis fob. Agreed that we can grant this one, but the issue is not a precedent and commission will have to revisit if there are more requests.
 - e. Audrey has been asked for access to town property (Tower Hill Sled Hill) by a boy scout in town. For his Eagle Project, he plans to clean it up and improve access.
- III. Budget
 - a. Audrey has been asked to create an operating budget. None has existed prior. She created it based on expenses from the last two years. Group reviewed her draft and agreed it will be a work in progress for the upcoming year, making real time revisions to remove that which doesn't belong and add anything unforeseen.
 - b. Group reviewed Audrey's Capital Spending projection through 2022 (wish list).
 - i. Most pressing need is diving board replacement at Birchwood. Boards have a life of 25 years, installment cost of \$32,000 for what we need.
 - c. In past, expenses and allocations to accounts have been ad hoc (i.e. money from program x used to fund program y)
 - d. Today, 90% of incoming funds to recreation are properly accounted for, as they are online payments, promptly allocated and recorded.
- IV. Terms for current commissioners
 - a. Terms are up at end of year for Petersen, Sentowski, and Spoto. Sentowski will not renew.
 - b. Commissioners will bring forth names of possible replacements.
 - c. We will elect new leadership for 2016, current commissioners asked to consider a leadership role.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10