

**MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes for November 15, 2016**  
**7:30 PM Borough Hall**

Present: Chair Deb Shertzer, Vice Chair Kelly Thompson, Commissioners Pete Herrera, Brian Higgins, Ina Rose, Lydia Spoto, Nicole Wright, Board of Ed Liaison John Kaplan, Rec Director Audrey Lane

Absent: Commissioner Marc Caputo

- I. Board Business
  - a. Commission approved minutes from October
  - b. Discussion of event management responsibilities to be taken out of the Rec Director's responsibilities and potentially outsourced to a paid event planner or managed by this commission. These include:
    - i. Easter
    - ii. Christmas Tree Lighting
    - iii. Menorah Lighting
    - iv. Trout Derby
  - c. Discussion of having the summer Beach Manager and/or staff take on the management of the summer events:
    - i. Summer movies
    - ii. Summer concert
    - iii. 4<sup>th</sup> of July events

The commission will post this job.
  - d. New positions proposed for 2017: Chair: Kelly Thompson, Vice Chair Ina Rose, Secretary: Lydia Spoto, Deb Shertzer will serve as commissioner for 1 year to aid transition, Nicole Wright will step down.
  - e. December meeting is cancelled due to multiple conflicts.
- II. Director's report
  - a. Halloween recap
    - i. Safe zone in village was successful
    - ii. Second zone on Hanover/Melrose/Kenilworth roads was not blocked off from traffic. Used by 50-70 kids
  - b. Budget – Audrey will propose a recreation department budget, and Rich Sheola will edit and present to Borough Council.
  - c. Audrey will send out the most recently updated renovation plans for Island Beach.
  - d. Menorah Lighting will be 12/28/16 at 6:00. Event will be run, as usual, by Rabbi Davinsky
  - e. Tree Lighting will be 12/3/16 at 5:00. Ina will take the lead, Lydia and Jim will help.
  - f. Fall sports
    - i. 60+ girls are signed up for Field Hockey and a board is in place to run it
    - ii. Turf was used by the field hockey program and MLBTB soccer
  - g. Issue of an online spirit wear shop and whether it should go out to other vendors to bid has been referred to Rich Sheola. We await a reply.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm