

MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes for October 2016
7:30 PM Borough Hall

Present: Chair: Deb Shertzer, Commissioners: Mark Caputo, Pete Herrera, Lydia Spoto, Kelly Thompson, Nicole Wright, Board of Ed Liaison: John Kaplan, Borough Liaison Dan Happer, Guest Richard Bogues

Absent: Commissioner: Jim Petersen

Minutes of July approved.

- I. MLSA member Richard Bogues presenting
 - a. Issues:
 - i. Mr. Bogues has been a swim parent for 20 years and is certified as a meet official; has been involved in Mountain Lakes swimming since August 2013
 - ii. He feels that the current board lacks transparency. There are no meetings, no minutes.
 - iii. Turnover is an issue - seems to be a new board every year, with no election. Parents who want to become board members are shut out.
 - iv. Mr. Bogues and his cohorts want the current board to follow the by-laws and hold meetings that are publicly posted ahead of time, and open the process to other parents in MLSA. Four members volunteered to be considered for the board.
 - v. He did not specify what board actions his cohort parents are concerned about and wanting to influence, only the general issue of communication between board and members.
 - b. Rec Commission response
 - i. MLSA is a quasi-entity because they are insured by the Rec Department as they use the town lake.
 - ii. However the Rec Commission does not have power over the MLSA - it is an independent body with its own board and by-laws.
 - iii. The Rec Commission sets a standard for Rec Programs, and within that standard are requirements for a board, by-laws, and incorporation with 501 3c status
 - iv. Deb Shertzer will follow up with the current swim board to obtain responses to open questions from concerned members.
- II. Spirit Wear
 - a. A commissioner was approached by Ms. Colby Sittig to host an online Under Armour store on our website selling ML spirit wear, at a 20% discount versus retail. 5% of sales would go to the Rec Department.
 - b. This would be nice to offer to people who don't have other buying options available.
 - c. In contrast, sports teams that use other in-town vendors get 20% of gross donated back to the program.
 - d. Commimssion discussed whether we would have to put this out to bid and then possibly give an exclusive deal for a set period of time (1 year)

- e. Deb Shertzer will follow-up the Borough Manager
 - f. Anything of this nature needs to be a hands off procedure, i.e. no input or management required from Rec Department or Rec Commission.
- III. Halloween
- a. Safe Zone in village, police presence, lighted, and blocked off for cars.
 - b. Additional trick or treating on Hanover, Melrose, and Kenilworth between Glen and Powerville. This area will not be blocked off for cars.
 - c. All trick or treating in both zones will be from 4-8pm on 10/31/2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm