

Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission
Minutes for October 2014
7:30PM Borough Hall

Present: Commissioners: Nicole Wright, Mark Caputo, Deb Shertzer, Kim Terhune, Jim Petersen, Lydia Spoto, Pete Sentowski, Kelly Thompson, Pete Herrera, Rec. Director: Audrey Lane, BOE Liason: Cath Mitchell

Absent: Council Liason: Frank Borin.,

I. Approval of Minutes:

-September minutes to be approved at next meeting.

II . Midvale Docks & Boat Racks

Pete S. met with DPW. DPW to configure plan and submit to Recreation Commission for review and comments.

III. Review of Tennis Court Request by Boonton Township

Current ordinance reads ML facilities for Ml residents with extended use to MLHS students because they are part of the community. Commission recommends to uphold current ordinance.

Nicole to write opinion to present to Council.

IV. Beach Venue Design Project

DPW committee spearheaded by Audrey Lane to remodel beaches.

Project Mission- To develop a cohesive plan of updating the facilities and landscape of Island and Birchwood Beaches. The plan should ultimately reflect the natural beauty of the lakes, arts and crafts architecture prevalent in the community and promote the integral role of recreational spaces- particularly the lakes- in the Master Plan of the community.

Project Criteria-

- Safety: The design should ultimately provide a safer recreational environment for the residents of Mountain Lakes including increased lighting for recreational events, safer walking paths and a safer working environment for the town life guards and seasonal employees.
- ADA Compliance: The new plan should bring beach facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

- Scalable: The project should provide a master blueprint for facilities and landscape of the beach venues that can be completed in various phases based on annual budgetary considerations.
- Sustainable: The plan should be created with the goal of reducing long term and ongoing maintenance costs and labor.
- Aesthetics- The plans should ultimately enhance and reflect the historical Arts & Crafts architecture of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

Audrey stated committee is ready to recommend 1 of the 3 landscape architect firms that presented a proposal.

V. 2015 Rec. Commission Capital Recommendations and Goals

Beach Venue Project

2015 goals:

- Continue with Sportsmanship Initiative.
- Increase rec activities for 55+ and non-athletic programs while enhancing current sports programs.

VI. New Borough Website

Deb S. reports site to go live next month.

VII. Director's Report

- Midvale looks great
- Shared services with BOE. Rec will continue to use BOE facilities without additional fees.
- ML parent/student game a lot of fun
- Audrey submitted Department Activity report to Council and provided copies for commissioners.
- Requesting ideas for programing and/or additional rec. activities

Meeting Adjourned 902pm