

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for April 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on April 20, 2021 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by Recreation Director Karen Brennfleck, with Derek Jackson as secretary.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: Derek Jackson, Heather Prince-Hornby, Ina Rose, Shaun Lehrer, Tish Scarola

Non-voting Members in attendance: Khizar Sheikh (Council Liaison), Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: David Keyt, Gary Reznik, Mark Odenwelder, Joe Chang (Board of Education Liaison)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting was made by Ina Rose and seconded by Tish Scarola. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- Borough office and employees moved to new location.
- Discussions are ongoing about how to recognize Memorial Day
- Mountain Lakes Day will not take place in 2021
- Trout Derby will be “virtual”. Stocking will be private with the Derby Committee members only. Fishing will be ~10 days thereafter. Formal communications are pending. There is a need to replace the fund raising that takes place on the day of the Trout Derby.
- July 4 fireworks are planned for July 2
- New Programs:
 - Mountain Lakes Sailing Association
 - Adult Lessons on Sunday Mornings, Open Sailing on Sunday afternoons
 - Night Sail – supported by recreation commission but requires confirmation from an insurance perspective
 - High School Musical – Grease
 - Car parade to align with Memorial Day recognition will not happen in 2021 because of uncertainty around Memorial Day recognition
 - We will likely have a drive-in or open air “Grease” screening around Memorial Day weekend
- Boat, Canoe, Kayak & SUP Racks
 - Our capacity was exceeded by the demand 1 minute after the registration opened on the website

- We have 34 total kayak and canoe spaces at Island Beach after construction
- We gained 36 new SUP spots at Island Beach after construction
- Have processed 34 of the new requests with more pending
- Price increased to \$50
- Beach
 - Tags will go on sale the 2nd week of May
 - Beach will open the Saturday of Memorial Day through Labor Day Sunday
 - Weekends only from Memorial Day until the last weekend of June
 - Weekends only from mid-August until Labor Day
 - Beach will be open until 7 PM
 - There will be 5-6 beach park rangers to monitor use
 - Hiring an assistant beach director

5. Report of subcommittees

a. Sports & Seniors

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

There is a new background check required for coaches which has increased paperwork
Sports are in season and going well.

Spring: Soccer, Track, Baseball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse

Laker 55+

Irish Music at the Beach went well

Looking for ideas for the future

Potential Social Security education seminar

Potential Exercise Physiology

b. Facilities

Report was presented by Derek Jackson.

- Policy for the Pavilion Rental

- Suggest we continue with the existing policy of supporting the community: <https://mtnlakes.org/departments/recreation-department/requests-for-use-of-facilities/>. Reservations will be limited to one per day to ensure the Pavilion remains a predominantly public facility.
- There is VERY strong request demand
- Karen is concerned that reserving the pavilion during beach hours on the weekend may be a problem, given the crowds and limits to space. We will monitor this situation and adjust as necessary.
- Given the high demand, Khizar suggested we consider a fee for use
- Discussion of concerns on garbage disposal and cleanup

- YMCA Program Recommendation

- Given the early morning hours of the program and the value the YMCA brings the community, the recreation commission recommends we continue to partner with and support the YMCA through this program.
- Yoga Tu/Thu from 7-8 AM Jun – August

c. Programs / Events

Sub-committee did not meet but will be meeting shortly

6. Old Business

- Karen assigned sub-committees
 - Sports & Seniors – David, Mark
 - Facilities – Derek, Sean
 - Programs/Events/Arts – Ina, Heather, Gary, Tish
- Lakes Commission has no governance or oversight over the Trout Derby. The Lakes Commission is looking at the overall health of the lakes and will consider seeding species in the lakes if it is appropriate. This would be separate from the Trout Derby stocking

7. New Business

There was discussion of whether a portion of recreation fees should go back to support “community programs”. No conclusions or recommendations were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next meeting May 18, 2021