

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for May 18, 2021 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on May 18, 2021 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson David Keyt, with Derek Jackson as secretary.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: David Keyt, Derek Jackson, Heather Prince-Hornby, Ina Rose, Mark Odenwelder, Tish Scarola

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

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Gary Reznik, Joe Chang (Board of Education Liaison), Shaun Lehrer

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 20, 2021, was made by Ina and seconded by Mark.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

Things have been changing quickly as the Covid situation has evolved.

- Trout Derby has moved from virtual to the historical one-day event. The stocking will be on Friday evening. MLHS fishing club will help with the stocking and derby.
- Many summer jobs have been filled
 - Lifeguards
 - Swim/Dive
 - 90% of Rec Camp
 - Sailing pending
- Summer Recreation is sold out. Attendance was increased from 50 to 70 to 84 attendees per week at the school. Beach week will permit 100 attendees.
- Sailing, Surf and Teen camps are almost sold out.
- Island Beach swing set was passed and approved last week. New racks at Island Beach were finished.
- Racks for boats, kayaks and SUPs are sold out. Karen and team finished the list of 150 people. About 30 people did not get a rack. This year took a little longer to process all requests because of the changes to the facilities at Island Beach which required renewals there to be moved in some cases.

5. Old Business

- Pickleball – Ina tested and believes the surface on the high school tennis courts is appropriate for pickleball. We are requesting a new quote for resurfacing the tennis courts. Pickleball lines will be included on the left three courts with lights. The recreation department is going to explore adding dedicated pickleball courts near the high school tennis courts in the future.

6. New Business

- There is enough extra lumber to build more racks. Karen will explore adding racks on Mountain Lake at Island Beach and near the dam at the Bird Sanctuary. In addition, Briarcliff Park on Wildwood Lake will be explored.
- The recreation department was approached by a third party interested in a youth summer basketball camp. There was some discussion, and a recommendation was made to move forward this year.
- Several groups, including the Home and School Association and FotA, thought they were covered by the school district insurance. That assumption proved to be incorrect. H&S Association has asked that their meetings at the Island Beach pavilion be covered under the Recreation insurance. The Senior Class has requested their picnic at Island Beach co-sponsored by Recreation to ensure there is adequate insurance coverage. FotA is asking for co-sponsorship of a Grease movie screening at Island Beach. There was some discussion of whether Recreation should support and cover these groups. Given that the alternative was to cancel the associated events, a decision was made to permit it on a temporary basis.

7. Announcements

Next meeting June 15, 2021

8. Adjournment

David moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ina seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:25 PM.