

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for June 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on June 15, 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, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Heather Prince-Hornby

Non-voting Members in attendance: Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director), Joe Chang (Board of Education Liaison), Khizar Sheikh (Council Liaison)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Gary Reznik, Ina Rose, Tish Scarola

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting was made by Derek Jackson and seconded by Mark Odenwelder.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- All summer job offers have been made
- The Island Beach swing set was approved
- The beaches have opened
- All racks are sold out
- Morning YMCA Beach Yoga and evening SUP Yoga have started on Tuesday and Thursday
- We do not legally designate our activities as “camps”. They are considered “programs” due to their length during the day. This allows us to bypass the requirements placed upon camps. This includes recreation, sailing, swimming, diving etc. Rachel Falconer will be the nurse for the summer programs.
- Fireworks scheduled for Friday July 2.
- Looking for a volunteer to help with the July 4 kid races at the Mountain Lakes Club.

5. New Business

- Band noise complaints – A high school “rock band” was scheduled to play at Island Beach on Memorial Day but got postponed to the next week because of weather. They played the next week until from 7 PM until 8:30 PM. A resident who lives on the lake complained about the noise from the band. While there was positive feedback from other residents on the lake, there were no other complaints. This event adhered to town ordinances that limit noise from 11 PM to 8 AM. There was discussion on what we

can do to limit the impact on residents. It was suggested that we ask bands to play at a moderate volume level.

- The Island Beach Pavilion is regularly booked during the week and on weekends. Groups are not adhering to the “leave no trace” guidance or bringing supplies to clean up after themselves. The bathrooms are left in a bad condition. There is noticeable wear on the facilities from this. The bathrooms will no longer be left open. We will likely need to implement a higher usage fee and cleanup deposit. Kizar and Karen will bring this to the Borough Council.
- There have been some complaints about Midvale Park cars not being able to park parking spillover into the adjacent streets. This needs to be explored further.
- The signs at Midvale Boat Dock that say no fishing, sunbathing, swimming will be removed. Those signs were stating Covid limitations and are not official town rules. There has been inconsistent enforcement of these rules by Park Rangers. The policies will be re-reviewed with the appropriate parties.
- Audrey Lane proposed to the Borough Council that the town creates a volunteer “Beautification Committee”. The town would be divided into districts that would allow different areas to focus on the appearance and personality of their locale. The council had some concerns about the overlap with other committees. Within the context of Recreation, the appearance of our facilities may fall into this overlapping concern. Many positive points for the proposal were discussed. No opposition was expressed from the attendees.

6. Announcements

Next meeting July 20, 2021

7. Adjournment

David Keyt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Derek Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:20 PM.