

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for December 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on December 20, 2022 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 6:00 PM and was presided over by chairperson David Keyt, with Derek Jackson as secretary.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: Derek Jackson, David Keyt, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Ina Rose

Non-voting Members in attendance: Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director), Meghan Leininger (Board of Education Liaison), Thomas Menard (Council Liaison)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Phyllis Deering, Heather Prince-Hornby, Gary Reznik, Tish Scarola

3. Approval of Minutes

Deferred to January's meeting.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- Christmas Tree Lighting at Kaufman Park
 - There were several hundred people.
 - We went through all hot chocolate, cookies and LOTS of marshmallows
 - We need different microphones for the chorus
- Island Beach Holiday Event
 - There were about a hundred people
 - Kids decorated ornaments
 - In the future, we might move the caroling up to the pavilion area for better lighting and ambiance.
- Menorah at Kaufman Park
 - Fire Truck from Boonton came and dropped gelt
- Ski Club
 - Sold out and demand exceeded capacity
 - 2 buses from Briarcliff and 1 bus from the High School
 - Camelback Mountain made the administration more labor intensive. We may need to look for an alternative venue or means to simplify the administration.
- Junior Laker Wrestling
 - Revitalized after a two years hiatus
 - Coach Stanzione decided to do a free clinic on Monday nights
 - There is very strong participation

- Basketball
 - Adult Basketball is not happening this year because they do not have a venue. The schools do not have an extra custodian for the additional hours/days
 - Junior Laker Basketball has over 600 participants. They needed to rent additional facilities from Craig School to meet demand.

5. Old Business

- Pickleball Courts
 - Council had made a request that Recreation do a formal recommendation. Phyllis documented her recommendation several weeks ago. The location was suggested behind the high school tennis courts. Due to the 2023 budget needs, new courts will likely not be approved in the 2024 budget.
 - We will create an official proposal Yes/No recommendations for
 - Building new courts
 - Painting lines on High School courts
 - Painting lines on Wilson courts
 - Painting lines on Wildwood
 - Other
 - In 2023 the tennis courts will be relined without Pickleball lines. The tennis courts will be used for tournaments and the schools and/or coaches are hesitant to put them on the courts.
 - In the interim, we could paint Pickleball court lines on the George Wilson basketball court. In addition, there will be lines painted on the blacktop behind Wildwood School.

6. New Business

- New Committee Member Vote
 - Candidate applications were sent via email. There are three applicants for two positions to replace Heather and Gary. David and Karen interviewed the applicants.
 - Discussion on how the appointment process limits volunteers in the Committee, but we frequently find ourselves shorthanded for events. Mayor Menard asked a member of the committee to speak to the Council about this problem.

7. Announcements

Next meeting January 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

8. Adjournment

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mark Odenwelder seconded the motion. The motion passed at 6:40 PM.