

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes**  
Minutes for April 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on April 18, 2023 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: James Aitken, Phyllis Deering, Heather Hornyak, Derek Jackson, David Keyt, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Ina Rose, Tish Scarola

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

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Meghan Leininger (Board of Education Liaison)

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on March 21, 2023 was made by David Keyt and seconded by Tish Scarola. The motion passed.

**4. Report of the Recreation Director**

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

Progressing on hiring for summer positions

There are zero returning college lifeguards

There are several returning seniors in high school

Danielle Cabana will be the Recreation Camp Director

Matt Stanzione will be the Assistant Director

Matt will also be Vicky Allison's backup for Beach Director

**5. Old Business**

- Dog Park
  - There are residents looking at this. It would need to be part of the capital budget in a future year.
  - Potential locations
    - Pocono Road opposite the DPW
    - Taft field
    - Midvale Park
    - Birchwood
  - There is a dog park at RFL for \$20/hour via Sniff Spot
  - One of the Boy Scout Eagle Candidates is considering creating one
    - While this might cover the upfront work and cost, we need to consider if/how we support and maintain it long term.
- Wilderness Camp

- Met with the “Just Like Camp” directors to discuss the need for more clarity before the Borough can consider their proposal
- Discussed the need for a business plan including finances, number of campers, how they would handle insurance, medical staff etc
- They also need to clarify what portion of the Tourne.
- There will be additional conversations over the next month
- Trout Derby
  - There are four student volunteers
  - At the present time, there is not a need for Recreation Commission volunteers.
  - Friday night will be the fish stocking
- Pickle Ball
  - The Board of Education will not support painting lines at this time
  - The proposed temporary locations like Basketball Courts and Esplanade have been declared not feasible
  - At this point the best potential location appears to be the area to the right of the Tennis Courts.
    - There may need to be a noise study as a risk mitigation step against litigation
    - There is currently no capital budget approved at this time
  - Additional lines
- Mountain Lakes Day
  - The original June 3 date will need to move to the Fall
  - Potentially aligned with homecoming weekend (Saturday, Oct 7)
- Navy Seal Fundraiser Event
  - It appears to still be planned for June 2 and 3 but may be delayed until September
  - We have not received additional information or confirmation of the need for lifeguards
  - Shaun Lehrer will follow up with Aaron Fridman

## 6. New Business

- Wrestling Tournament
  - A few years ago, Mountain Lakes Recreation took over Junior Laker Wrestling. The program was paused since Covid.
  - This year coach Matt Stanzione ran a free winter clinic with great success and participation. The hope is that this will be a stepping stone to resurrecting the regular program
  - Matt wants to run a summer wrestling tournament through recreation
- Independence Day Swim Races
  - The races are hosted at the Mountain Lakes Club but run by Recreation
  - While the entire town is invited to participate, the very large majority of the participation was from the Mountain Lakes Club members

- The event results in recreation costs and there are doubts as to whether the general public gets value to justify the cost to the town
- There was discussion as to whether this should be moved to Birchwood or handed off to the club to run as a promotional event

## **7. Announcements**

Next meeting May 16, 2023

## **8. Adjournment**

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