

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for March 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on March 21, 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), Meghan Leininger (Board of Education Liaison), Melissa Muilenburg (Council Liaison)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: None

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on February 28, 2023 was made by David and seconded by Ina.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- Most camps are sold out
- A few slots for teen camp
- Week 1 of recreation has space
- Track has 150 kids registered
- Racks and Rings open to the public on April 3. We are about 1/3 renewed.
- Hiring will start in April

5. New Business

- a. Wilderness Camp – There is a request from two entrepreneurs who are starting a company “Just Like Camp”. The idea of the business is to offer an after school “outdoor summer camp” like experience year-round. They are asking for permission to use the Mountain Lakes portion of the Tourne year-round.

The committee believes that the town needs more information on the business plan. James Aitken volunteered to liaison with “Just Like Camp” to get more information. Further, we need to review our policy on businesses using the town’s recreation facilities and fees for the same. This will be reviewed at next month’s meeting.

- b. Navy Seal Fundraiser – This is a non-profit fund raiser event to train 6-8 grade students in a Navy Seal like training experience to promote health and well-being. The ask is to use the Island Beach from Friday, June 2 (4-8 PM) and Saturday, June

3rd. The recreation commission recommends Friday at Island Beach and Saturday at Birchwood with the following caveats.

- i. Children must pass swim test
- ii. Fundraiser must cover costs of lifeguards, who will be hired by the town
- iii. Fundraiser must cover any costs associated with police or other safety personnel (if applicable)
- iv. Event must have insurance
- v. Boats must be sanitized

This event needs to be reviewed and approved by the Borough Manager, Borough Council and Beach Director because of the request to close the beach and use lifeguards. The recreation commission needs to review the facility reservation policy and potential bathroom and garbage fees. This will be reviewed in the next meeting.

6. Announcements

Next meeting April 18, 2023

7. Adjournment

David Keyt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Derek Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed at 9:10 PM.