

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for May 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on May 17, 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, Derek Jackson, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Ina Rose, Tish Scarola

Non-voting Members in attendance: Karen Brennfleck (Recreation Director)

Guests in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Heather Hornyak, David Keyt, Meghan Leininger (Board of Education Liaison), Melissa Muilenburg (Council Liaison)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 18, 2023 was made by Mark Odenwelder and seconded by Tish Scarola.

4. Report of the Recreation Director

Report was presented by Karen Brennfleck.

- Beach will open next Saturday, May 27, 2023
- Most of the summer job offers are out right now via the new hiring system. It will integrate to our payroll system (Balance Point). However, this is the first time using the integrated system so there may be some hiccups along the way. If it fails, they will have to fail back to the old “manual” system.
- Karen recently attended the national youth sports alliance seminar and got certified.
- Art at the Esplande is planned for June 4.
- Mountain Lakes Day is targeted for the Fall to align with homecoming on October 7.

5. Old Business

- Dog Park – Karen Brennfleck and Ina Rose went to the Boonton Township dog park which is setup on the “Sniff Spot” app. The project will likely be recommended to be built at Taft Field as a capital expense in 2024. It could also be Scout Project.
- Wilderness Camp – James Aitken met with the Wilderness Camp founders. The founders are starting to realize there are additional logistics that need to be figured out before they can open the camp. It could be a year out or more.

6. New Business

- Summer Band Dates
 - There are 6 bands booked for Wednesday and Thursday nights
 - The dates should be in the 5/19/2023 Borough Blast
- Fingerprint Policy – NJ is one of two states that require it for volunteer coaches. The state rules are unclear on how frequently this must occur. The borough does the fingerprinting through IdentoGo. The cost of the fingerprinting service is reimbursed by the sponsoring sports organization. The town needs to establish a policy for the frequency.
 - Motion to recommend a policy to be fingerprinted every 5 years. The motion passed.
- Charge for Pavilion use for groups over 50 people
 - This is consistent with other towns.
 - Most rentals do a reasonable job cleaning. However, they leave behind large garbage bags, pizza boxes etc. Costs would cover garbage pickup, bathrooms cleaning etc.
 - There will be further discussion on this before the recommendation goes to the council.

7. Announcements

Next meeting June 20, 2023

8. Adjournment

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ina Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:15 PM.