

# RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes November 6, 2013

**Next Meeting: January 15, 2014**

Minutes from the September meeting were distributed by email and are posted on the township's website under meetings and agendas.

In attendance: Noelle Kehrley, Mary Gallagher, Aaron Allen, Dan Weiss, Brigitte Geiger, Diana Schwarick, Paul Licitra, Jill Daggon

## - Committee Reports:

- o MOHS Student Liaison: None
- o Open Space: No report
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Frank Wilpert Jr.: emailed report
- o Board of Ed/Mutual Facilities: Liz Ouimet: no report
- o Mt. Olive Senior Club: no report

## Business:

1. Mount Playmore: *Jill reviewed the status of the Mount Playmore playground project. 2 RAC members submitted excel files with playground component ratings. Aaron suggested a 3 on 3 basketball fundraiser at Turkey Brook Park for the playground project. Paul mentioned that his daughter has horticulture and landscape design contacts that may be able to help with the playground project.*
  - a. Children were asked to submit ideas for the playground at each school. The designs were collected and scanned/emailed to the designer (and will be on exhibit on Design Day).
  - b. Press releases have been sent out, a facebook page has been made and a fundraising website set-up.
  - c. Design Day is tomorrow morning, 11/7 at the Senior Center. Volunteers are need for the evening. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, construction, ribbon cutting on 4/6 and Planting Day on 5/4.
  - d. Component sales for Mount Playmore range from \$2000 for a major component like swings or slides to \$50 for an engraved fence picket. All components can be viewed and sponsored through the Mount Olive Recreation web page: [www.mountlivetownship.com/recreation.html](http://www.mountlivetownship.com/recreation.html). Additional sponsorship opportunities are available through <https://fundly.com/mount-playmore-at-turkey-brook-park-a-cause-for-play>. Our goal is to raise at least \$50,000.
  - e. This project is a hybrid community and contractor build. Construction is planned to begin in March, with removal of the existing structure in January.
2. Events: We have developed an event and marketing/sponsorship plan for 2014 that includes 17 events with multiple levels of sponsorship and several facility sponsorships (banners), seasonal brochure sponsors and e-newsletter sponsors. We already have \$16,000 in commitments for 2014 events.
  - a. Oktoberfest at the Corner Pub 10/10 & 11 – well attended. \$1200 in sponsorship was provided.
  - b. Playground Design Day & Community Party 11/7
  - c. CandyLand event at MOPL 12/8
  - d. Mt Olive Week Carnival 7/9-13 2014. McCafferty Enterprises was awarded the contract to provide carnival services. We will be sending out RFPs for the food, beer, and parking concessions again.
3. Trips:
  - a. 11/8 Radio City/NYC day with Jefferson Twp Recreation Bus pick-up in Rockaway Mall.
  - b. 12/14 Holiday Shopping in Lancaster with Washington Twp Recreation
  - c. Tran Siberian Orchestra 12/23
  - d. Area Recreation Directors met 10/29 to plan 2014 trips including: Disney on Ice, Monster Truck Jam, Aladdin and Flash Dance on Broadway, Yankees games, DooWop Reunion, Bronx Zoo, Hershey Park, Radio City, NYC Shopping, Tran Siberian Orchestra Concert, Grease at the Papermill Playhouse

## Old Business

- o 3 committee member's terms expire 12/31. We need to provide recommendations. *Dan and Brigitte are willing to serve another term. Diana has nominated her husband Billy Scwharick to serve the next term in her place. The RAC supports these recommendations.*
- o Meetings – Do we want to meet 12/4? 2014 meeting schedule – do we want to go back to monthly meetings? *The committee recommends meeting every other month, since we can call for an additional meeting if needed. Meetings dates for 2014 are: Jan 15, Mar 12, April 2 (for updates on Playground ribbon cutting), June 4, Sept 4, Nov 5.*
- o Winter Brochures is at the printer. Spring brochure – need art work by 1/15.
- o Sports Associations: Mutual Facilities & Sports Associations' meeting is being planned for Dec 4 at 8am. We will be following up on paperwork, policies, etc.
  - o Sports Ombudsman: Paul Licitra is planning a Sports Association Summit for Saturday 1/25 to encourage open communication and mutual help/support between the sports groups. For conflicts that Paul is unable to resolve, he plans on referring them to a subcommittee of the RAC to handle.

- Concussion training for coaches and parent information needs to be re-enforced. Paul is working with Dan & Brigitte for policies and a presentation for the January 25<sup>th</sup> Sports Summit.
  - Concussion policy needs to be better spelled out, and perhaps be combined with the other codes of conduct and volunteer policies (including those that are in the MTO Employees Handbook)
- **Other:** In addition to email reminders for meetings, also send out text message reminders. Send to RAC members an attendance chart of the 2013 meetings.

- Continuing Concerns

- Suggestions for future programming, facilities, special events,
- Community Service recommendations for Winter
- Recommendations for Agenda – *please e-mail me!*

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue)      Winter Brochure draft (white)      Mount Playmore Information (lilac)  
 2014 Event Sponsorship Form (goldenrod)      Possible 2014 Meeting dates (pink)

Parks, Buildings & Grounds report from Frank Wilpert Jr.:

Fall sports season is coming to an end. Football has finished their regular schedule and will be hosting playoff this weekend which will wrap up with a charity flag football game on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Soccer has finished their recreation league programs and will be wrapping travel league within the next two weeks.

Baseball and Softball ended last week. Bathrooms at Dan Jordan will be winterized; we will also be installing a new parking area next to the tennis courts under the power lines off of Glendale.

Lacrosse game field has had some major repairs done to its playing surface and anticipate a smoother playing area in the spring. Lacrosse is also in the process of developing Drakes Brook Park Fields with the help of Petillo Inc. We anticipate the start of this project within the next couple of weeks. These Fields will not be ready for play until spring of 2015.

We have entered into an agreement with soccer to light the turf field over the winter. The Township is also considering lighting the basketball ball courts at that time. Bathrooms in all parks will be shut down on or about Nov 15<sup>th</sup> along with the game and practice fields.

The Township, along with the help of Givaudan Inc. has developed a section of trail along the Morris Canal Starting from the Plane Street Bridge in Stanhope and ending on Continental Drive. This trail has been developed for the Visually Impaired and will feature informational kiosks containing information about the history of the canal.

8 security cameras have been installed in Turkey Brook Park. Vandalism complaints have been minimal this year because of them. We are looking to add 8 more cameras throughout the park in the near future. We are also looking to add cameras at Flanders Park.