

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes May 7, 2014

Next Meeting: June 4, 2014 7pm [Meetings scheduled for: Sept 4, Nov 5]

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

In attendance: Mary Gallagher, Aaron Allen, Noelle Keherley, Alex Roman John Geiger and Jill Daggon

- Committee Reports:

- o Open Space: Jim Farley *-no report*
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds & Mount Playmore: John Geiger: *We still need volunteers to help build Mount Playmore – primarily screwing in deck boards. As of 5/7, approximately 70% complete. Other parks are up and running, lots of rain has been a hindrance.*
- o Board of Ed/Mutual Facilities: *no report*

New Business: Jill reviewed these items

1. Beach: Opens June 21 & 22, then is closed while school is session and reopens 6/28-8/23. Stand Up Paddleboard workshops!
 - a. Beach party 6/28, Regatta 7/26
2. Carnival: July 9-13 Fireworks on 7/12. New company; McCafferty Enterprises. Beer tent and food concessions through them. Just getting map and booth information out this week. Presenting sponsor is Weis.

Old Business

- Mount Playmore:
 - o We still need volunteers for building Mount Playmore. Art volunteers will soon be able to start to paint the decorative appliques that will be fastened to some of the play elements. Probably next week. *Mary is willing to call volunteers to remind them of their schedule.*
 - o Pickets can be added throughout the year, in batches of at least 20.
- Rec Updates:
 - o March Monthly report
 - o Summer brochure – Is going to the printer tomorrow morning. Will be distributed May 23.
 - o *Summer staff has been selected, trainings scheduled, etc.*
- Events:
 - o Do or Dye Color Run: 4/26 Success! 730 pre-registered, 250 on-site registrations, 1000+ spectators. Lots of fun! Will be back for 2015
 - o PowerWheels Race Series 5/8-5/29: Soccer west side parking lot.
 - o Fairy & Pirate Festival 5/17 Turkey Brook Park Great Lawn
 - o Farmer's Markets: Volunteers needed to help each Saturday from May 10 – Oct 18 Municipal Building parking lot.
 - o Strut Your Mutt Doggie Parade & Party 6/7 – no vendors or participants have registered so far. We are offering the sponsors the choice of a Carnival Sponsorship or moving the event to Sept 13.
 - o Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run 6/21 Turkey Brook Park trails
 - o Beach Party 6/28 – showcasing camp programs, Stand up Paddle Board workshops, new Aquatic Safety lessons with North Jersey Aquatics
 - o Mt. Olive Week Carnival 7/9-13
 - o Movies in the Park: 7/20, 7/27 and Aug 3. Sponsor needed for Aug 3. Rainy location is the Senior Center (free!)
- Trips:
 - o 5/31 DooWop Reunion at the Izod Center, through Mt Olive \$38 Bus Leaves ITC at 3:30pm Only 4 tickets left!
 - o 9/23 Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles trip. Only 13 tickets left \$52
- **Other:** Aaron reported information from an angler friend about how to improve fishing on Budd Lake as part of the Highlands Redevelopment plans. Lake is shallow, without good hiding places for bait fish to attract larger fish. Old Christmas trees are a great source – natural, biodegradable, recycles the trees. It is also difficult to get a boat into the lake without renting a slip.

- Continuing Concerns

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

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue)

March Monthly Reports (tan)

Summer Brochure