

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes September 12, 2013

Next Meeting: Nov 6, 2013 at 7pm

In attendance: Jim Farley, Noelle Keherley, Aaron Allen, Lisa Pignataro, Jill Daggon

Absent: Harry Bond, Don Verducci, Mary Gallagher, Dan Weiss, Brigitte Geiger, Diana Schwarick, Liz Ouimet, Alex Roman, Frank Wilpert Jr.

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

- Committee Reports:

- o MOHS Student Liaison: None
- o Open Space: Jim Farley - *Just had their meeting, working on a financial review*

Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Frank Wilpert Jr. : *sent report via email:*

Over the past couple of months parks buildings and grounds has completed been working on the following:

- completed conduit for 3 phase power to Turkey Brook Park to light the practice football field. We have also prepped to light the soccer turf field (winter), and future lighting of the basketball courts and baseball 4*
- installed new backboards on the basketball courts*
- started construction of the Gividaun Braille trail which will connect Stanhope, Mount Olive and Sussex within the next 3 years*
- *re-graded practice football*
- *installed security cameras within the park*
- *created wifi within the park.*

We look to do more projects next year. Any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

Thanks

Frank Wilpert Jr.

- o Board of Ed/Mutual Facilities: Liz Ouimet: No report
- o Mt. Olive Senior Club: No Report

Business:

1. TBP Playground Update: Leathers & Associates have been awarded the design contract based on their RFP. This design is for a Community Build project. The RAC will be needed to help in finding volunteers to spearhead committees, and provide input for the Design phase of the project. *Handouts included a component scoring spreadsheet and a timeline/project/committee list for the committee. These items were emailed to committee members Monday, Sept 30th.*
2. Events:
 - a. Fall in Love With Mt. Olive – please help promote – it is only 10 days away! Facebook it, email friends, invite people
Saturday: Photo Contest, Farmer's Market, MOPL Fall Fest, Restaurant Promotion
Sunday: Tour de Mt Olive: 28 Mile Grande Tour, 12 Mile Petite Tour, Bake Safety Clinic, 5 Mile Family Ride, St. Jude's Trike-a-thon and Wine Tasting & Dinner at Enzo's
 - b. Oktoberfest at the Corner Pub 10/10 & 11
 - c. Playground Design Day & Community Party 11/7
 - d. CandyLand event at MOPL 12/8
3. Trips:
 - a. Yankees trip Sept 25th 5 tickets available.
 - b. 11/8 Radio City/NYC day with Jefferson Twp Recreation Bus pick-up in Rockaway Mall.
 - c. 12/14 Holiday Shopping in Lancaster with Washington Twp Recreation
 - d. Tran Siberian Orchestra 12/23

Old Business

- o Winter Brochures – need art work by 10/1. It goes to the printer 10/28 and is distributed in the schools 11/14. Sponsorships and ads cover the cost of printing 5,000 copies.
- o Sports Associations: Mutual Facilities & Sports Associations' meeting is Wed 9/18 at 8am

- Concussion Policy: BOE has issued a policy (and documents) to be implemented for the 2013-14 school year for ALL users of school facilities which includes signing a Hold Harmless statement with concussion policy acknowledgement. The BOE policy and forms are posted on our website, the sports groups are required to have their coaches complete a concussion training course, have families sign off on the CDC's family info sheet.
- Sports Ombudsman: Paul Licitra is volunteering to fill this liaison position, and assist the sports associations with meeting best practices as outlined in the National Alliance of Youth Sports Standards
- Beach Season: Rockefeller Group was our Blue Diamond sponsor (we were able to purchase some replacement sand) and sponsor of the Opening Day BBQ. 15 days were impacted by rain, reducing the 63 day season to 48 full days. Total attendance: 2654. Movie night. Late night swim, concerts and swim lessons were lightly attended. Patrons enjoyed the Regatta and made use of the paddle board instruction provided by Pelican. In 2014 we will include several paddle board workshops and have a 5k paddle on the lake.
- Events
 1. Strut Your Mutt 5/4: 300 guests, 125 dogs
 2. Fairy & Pirate Festival 5/18: 4,000+ guests, 31 sponsors
 3. Memorial Day Parade 5/27, Tournaments (Baseball, Lacrosse 6/1)
 4. 6/1 Doo Wop Reunion trip at the Izod Center, 30 attendees
 5. Beach Opening Day Block Party 6/15: 221 patrons, 35 sponsors & volunteers, Regatta 7/21: 110 patrons, 25 sponsors & volunteers
 6. Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run 6/22: 283 athletes, 476 spectators, 50 volunteers & vendors
 7. Carnival 7/10-14: Estimated 13,000 attendees over 4 days. Revenue approx \$54K Expenses approx \$32K leaving \$22K to help fund the Rec Dept during the year. RFPs are out to several carnival companies for 2014. Technical specs are quite detailed. Proposals to be opened on 9/17

- **Other:**

- *Noelle has a lead on a landscape business to help with the beach next year. Also has contacts for Renaissance Fair vendors. (Maybe for the Fairy & Pirate Festival, or a Faire, when we are ready to do one)*
- *Mt Olive Park Partners has new officers and committee members and is working to regain non-profit status – need to file paperwork with the state and IRS. Will be able to help fundraise for the playground project.*

- **Continuing Concerns**

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

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue) Fall Brochure (and Fall in Love with Mt Olive events) Sports Ombudsman
 Leathers & Associates Community Build information (yellow) Playground components (yellow)
 Steering Committee and Design Day (green)