

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes Sept 4, 2014

Next Meeting: Nov 5, 2014 7pm

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

In attendance: Jim Farley, Noelle Kehrley, Mary Gallagher, Brigitte Geiger, Alex Roman, Jill Daggon, John Geiger.

- **Committee Reports:**

- o Open Space: Jim Farley – *no report (no meeting)*
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds & Mount Playmore: Jim Lynch
 - o *Football pep rally a success.*
 - o *Lights 85% done on soccer. Lights are also aimed at Field 3 and center loop road area for extending illumination and use of those areas.*
 - o *9/11 Memorial to be completed by Wednesday*
 - o *Grant work on old Baptist church, Academy site and Seward Mansion starting. Trail puncheons and work moving forward on White trail*
 - o *Flanders Park Goal posts are being removed. 1 to go to TBP and 1 to go to CMS (maybe) the goal posts at CMS have been there for more than 39 years. Maybe portable posts will be used.*
 - o *Mount Playmore is a big hit, with people coming for surrounding towns including Roxbury. People love the surfacing tiles. Still requests foe shade. Perhaps in the future additional pergolas can be added over the built in benches.*
 - o *Need sports groups capital budgets*
 - o *Need a Memorial Day Parade committee.*
 - o *All parks will run until 11/15, then winterized.*
- o Board of Ed/Mutual Facilities: *No report*

New Business: *Jill reviewed the following items:*

1. Fall Events: 9/28 Tour de Mt. Olive, 10/25 Monster Mash 3k, 11/22 Bike & Hike, 12/7 CandyLand
2. New Fall Programs: Women's Basketball, Jr Field Hockey, Insanity Workout, Cardio Blast, PiYo
3. New BOE facilities fees for non-Rec programs: *Rec does not yet know what the fees are. Entities still make their request with us, we review possible date/time/location recommendations and then ask them to contact the BOE for paperwork and fees. When we get the ok, we are to approve the request on schooldude.*
4. Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coaches training on 9/29
5. Sports Associations meeting 9/10 7:30am
6. Budget Planning – Capital requests by Sports Associations to meet with Paul Licitra by Sept.15, Rec & PB&G budget planning
7. Recycling Can Fundraiser: *Jill explained how the fundraiser is going. 72 cans sold so far, DPW will deliver 30 each week. Some re being picked up at the Farmer's Market.*
8. *Next park improvement: Skatepark? Pump Track? Or Splash Pad/Ice rink combo? Jill explained the research done about skateparks in our surrounding communities (most have been removed, explained what pump tracks are and reviewed the suggestion of a splash pad that can be winterized and turned into a skating area foe winter. Discussion was held concerning each suggestion. There are not many skate boarders in TBP, so no apparent need for a skate park. Most of the committee was in favor of the splash pad idea. Question was raised about the water availability, even though it is a closed system with nominal replacement due to evaporation.*

Old Business

- Mount Playmore:
 - o Finishing touches of art murals this week & next
 - o Pickets can be added each week, Raspberry Hill Farm is doing the engraving
- Rec Updates:
 - o June, July, August Monthly reports
 - o Brochures – Fall will be distributed in schools for Friday 9/12. Winter brochure info due by Oct 1, goes to print Oct 15.
- Beach: Beach Party and Regatta events were nicely attended. Swim Lessons were provided in partnership with North Jersey Aquatics, Stand Up Paddle Board works shops were popular.
- Camps: Rec & Roll camp enrollment was impacted by the BOE STEM camps. We are working on ideas to change our camp programming for 2015. Other camps had reasonable turnouts. Get Up & Go Camp instructors (MV PE teachers) will be offering an afterschool program in the fall at MV.
- Events:
 - o Farmer's Markets: Has a steady 200-300 attendees each week. Touch a Truck on 8/30 had over 500 visitors. New vendors for Fall. 9/6 is Green Day, 9/27 is Kids' Day, 10/11 is Fall Fest, 10/18 Season End Party. Working on plans for 2015.

- Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run 6/21 Turkey Brook Park trails – went well, many positive comments. 400 participants and
- Beach Party 6/28 – showcasing camp programs, Stand up Paddle Board workshops, new Aquatic Safety lessons with North Jersey Aquatics
- Mt. Olive Week Carnival 7/9-13 – Had more attendees and generated more ride revenue than any previous carnival. New company worked well. Already have a list of ideas to implement for changes in layout for next year: 7/8-12.
- Movies in the Park: 7/20, 7/27 and Aug 3. First & Third event had huge turnouts and upgraded the size of the inflatable screen. 7/27 was moved to the Senior Center due to prediction of thunderstorms, which started just as the movie ended.
- Trips:
 - 5/31 DooWop Reunion at the Izod Center. Sold out trip – used the Senior Bus.
 - 9/23 Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles trip. Sold Out!
 - 11/7 Radio City Christmas Spectacular trip partnering with Jefferson Twp Recreation
 - 12/21 Trans Siberian Orchestra 3pm show at the Prudential Center \$125 ticket
- Other:

- Continuing Concerns

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

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue) Monthly Reports (tan) Fall Brochure
 Pump track & Splash Pad/ice rink handouts (white)