

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes: May 4, 2016 7pm

Next Meeting June 1 if needed, September 8, November 2

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

In attendance: Brigitte Geiger, Noelle Kehrley, Louis Valdes, Arthur Punla, Karen McConnell, Antoine Gayles, Alex Roman, Jim Lynch, Jill Daggon

Committee Reports:

- o Open Space: Karen McConnell/Alex Roman: *On 4/25 there was Clean Trails Day. Working on arranging a Tour of Trails, using the Senior Bus. At Kennedy Rd and Sandshore there are a lot of abandoned cars to be removed (hopefully by early June). Working on a plan to connect the White trail in the Greenway by the high school, with a sidewalk along Flanders Rd to Turkey Brook Park. Kiosks with maps could have a QR code to download maps to phones.*
- o Alex suggested having an app for Mt Olive Township – with a module for trails
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Jim Lynch – *Season has started – very busy. Mild weather helped.*
 - *Done with first round of fertilizing & weed control.*
 - *Treated floors in Men's restrooms, however dirt clings to the sealer.*
 - *We are in the middle of the splashpad project, 10 week construction timeline.*
 - *MOBSA's baseball Memorial Day Weekend tournament and the Lacrosse Tournament are fast approaching. Carnival, Districts and States will keep TBP & staff busy.*
 - *MOBSA is working toward building a 2 story press box at Russ Nagel Field at Flanders Park.*
 - *The new maintenance Building at TBP should break ground in June.*
 - *Using the sawmill to mill lumber from downed trees and making bollards & guard rail – and specialized lumber for projects. Will be set up at Valle Brook Building 1.*
 - *The tree bank fund will pay for planting trees. 1 project is to plant trees as a screen between DPW yard and the Library. Trees taller than 16" are expensive and difficult to plant/move. Holiday tree lighting may be at TBP this winter. Mayor wants a very tall tree, which may be very expensive. After a meeting with residents from Sunset Drive, trees will be planted as a buffer between the park and their backyards.*
 - *Additionally, the lights on soccer's field 3 need a buffer from the neighbor's backyards, and the club needs to manage game times with lighted fields better. To use traditional lights for other fields, we need 3 phase power. Musco now has LED lights. They are working on Summit's High School fields now. Poles could be placed so they don't shine toward the homes, and have a tight illumination area. The LED lights don't need 3 phase power, needs less power to operate, lights last 10x longer.*
 - *Seward Mansion has a construction meeting coming up to stabilize it. Construction/restoration to continue on the old Baptist Church.*
 - *The volleyball courts are scheduled for renovation at TBP and FP. 400 tons of sand, new standards, no railroad tie borders, pvc instead. Quote done, waiting for Pay to Play paperwork to be done. Then the project can move forward.*
 - *MOJLC's tournament will be the 2nd largest in the East Coast with 80 teams and 8 girls' teams (playing at MOMS). Need to mow more parking areas under the Powerlines. MOJLC will be running shuttle buses from Drakes Brook Park for overflow parking. Currently, the closest grass field at TBP Greenway is not significantly large enough to run shuttle parking from. However, more parking areas could be developed in the future.*
 - *Laura Harris is working on a grant for a sidewalk, bike lane, behind the guard rail on Flanders Road. MOJLC has communicate well about carpooling.*
- o Board of Ed: Antoine Gayles: *Renovation of the High's "pit" ready for the "maker Space, theatrical and recording studio space. The Board is planning a referendum for full day kindergarten. BOE is collaborating with Rec at events to reach parents of pre-school and school age children. Looking to have a special referendum in September, advertise at back to School Nights, media blitz. Plan in place by July. Townhouses are going to be built behind the old BOE Building and there is talk of building by BASF. The BOE building is sold. When is the last date to be able to use the field behind the building? Jim and Antoine will work on finding out when access is revoked. (MOBSA was informed about the sale. They were offered to have another field built, but would rather light existing fields instead.)*

Updates & New Business:

- o Farmers' Market begins 6/18, Municipal Building Parking Lot 9am-1pm
- o Splashpad
 - o Build progress: ½ way done. Restroom and pump shed structures scheduled to be built in place the week of May 16. Sidewalk connecting playground and splashpad in place.
 - o Attendants selected, obtaining CPO and other certifications
- o Summer camps: Added 2 weeks Summer Embarkment (since school year is ending early), Jr Beach Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, Incredifix camp, JumpStart Sports camps, Music Technology Workshops
 - o Rec camps staff selected, obtaining certifications. First Planning Session 5/23
- o Kayak & Canoe rentals at Budd Lake Park – in the works with Ramsey's Outdoor. Working on seasonal programming, including fishing lessons for families.
- o New programming for Fall: JumpStart Sports, Jr NBA & WNBA, Garage Band & music classes, Film making

Old Business

1. 2016 Events & Volunteering
2. Need leads for sponsors and vendors for all print and digital media. More opportunities for banners (especially feather banners)
3. New programs/New instructors needed for Rec programming. *NJIT may be able to help with STEAM programming. They are using MOHS for STEM projects.*
4. Summer Brochure will be in schools Friday, May 13.
5. Recreation's Monthly Reports for January - April

Events:

(Event rewards card – attend 10 events and be entered into a drawing for prizes)

1. 2/20 Cabin Fever Reliever: Fun event, warm weather, lower attendance than expected, but sponsors happy with more face time with each family.
2. 3/12 Lego & Tech Fest: Worked with the Mt. Olive Robotics Club and the Lego First League, as well as our other Lego and Tech instructors. Over 100 parents indicated that they were interested in forming a Lego League program for elementary age students.
3. 4/16 Pajama Run 5K: beautiful weather, low attendance. Need ideas/research for a more exciting, well attended 5 K or April event. *Can't tailor every event to the stroller crowd. Zombie Run, Move 5K to end of April, Scavenger Hunt*
4. 5/14 Fairy & Pirate Festival: 50 vendors! Special luncheon with a Snow Princess, Mermaid & Pirate (carried over from January), ticket required
5. 6/18 Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run
6. 7/6-10 Mt. Olive Week Carnival – logistics and resolutions underway, ready for vendors & sponsors. All Day Ride Wristband vouchers are available for purchase. Limited to 500.
7. 7/29, 8/5 8/12 Movies in the Park: The Peanuts Movie, Night at the Museum, Alvin & the Chipmunks – Road Chip
8. 8/27 Touch-A-Truck 10am-2pm Food Truck & Fireworks Festival 4pm-10pm (25 food vendors!, 20+ other vendors)
9. 9/24 Starry Skies Craft Beer and Wine event
10. 10/29 Monster Mash Dash and Glow Run
11. 11/19 *Hot Cocoa 5K followed by the Chocolate & Wine Festival*
12. 12/10 Gingerbread House Festival (gingerbread house/art contest, crafts, games, activities, music & food)

Trips

6/29 Yankees trip – 2 tickets left

- **Other:** *Noelle has been working on plans to have the Seward Mansion become a revenue producing asset. Recommended to speak to Laura Harris about her ideas. She will email her ideas to Jill and Laura. Having the mansion on the National Historic Register increases the costs of renovation and limits what it can be used for. Jim's suggestions for the building: Extend the kitchen, make a reheat center for caterer use at functions there. The ground floor has a 16' x 40' ballroom, 10'x12' parlor center hall and two rooms that are 26' x 10'. Could be used for meeting rooms, rent for weddings, tournament planning HQ, receptions. Upstairs – need a satellite office PD, Admin office weekend events, front bedrooms could be used to display historic items. Could put chair lift in back. Servants' room – used for storage.*
- Noelle is willing to do fundraising, needs to know costs. Has not yet heard back from the Historical Society.
- The water tower on Cloverhill costs \$680,000 to paint. In 2017 or 2018 – Possibly Mt Olive Logo and a Welcome to MTO painted on it.

Continuing Concerns

- Suggestions for future programming, facilities, special events: *American Ninja – Challenges with obstacles, Drone racing, Inflatable Insanity 5K*
- Community Service recommendations
- Recommendations for Agenda – *please e-mail me!*

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue) Recreation Event Dates (green) Recreation Monthly Reports January - April (Salmon)
 Recreation Events Rewards Card Summer Brochure