

## **Mendham Township Recreation Commission**

September 5, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM

### **ROLL CALL**

Warren Gisser, Liaison to Recreation from Township Committee - Present

Mayor Diana Orban Brown – Present

Diane Tolley, Chair – Present

Clare Button – Present

Amalia Duarte, Vice Chair – Present

Steve Eisenstein, Recreation Director – Present

Deborah Bonanno, Township Administrator – Present

The following were absent: Evan Thomas, Megan Sager

### **FLAG SALUTE**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** – There was a motion by Clare Button with a second by Diane Tolley to accept the minutes of July 26, 2017 with the condition of adding an omitted line regarding the tabling of distributing funds from the 5k Race to the Brookside Beach and Ralston Playground accounts.

### **REPORT FROM MAYOR**

Mayors of the Mendhams' and the Chesters' discussed cooperative recreation, to make the communities more desirable. Promote collective programs on one website. After a successful Ad Hoc committee for equipment and facilities, one will be announced on Sept. 11 for Recreation Facilities. There was extended discussion as to would be included on the Ad Hoc committee. Steve will check with the League of Municipalities to see if there is a Recreation Consultant they would recommend serving on the committee. Amalia volunteered to serve and in addition suggests utilizing the members of the commission for their knowledge. The mayor stated she was thinking of Clare preferring non-officers of any groups, but requested recommendations be emailed to her. Clare declined stating she thought Amalia would offer more value. Happy to hear that the Ralston Playground is being utilized and commended DPW for their work in cleaning it up and installing swing sets.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tennis court repairs should be made a priority before weather gets too cold. Move forward with getting updated quotes.

It was proposed that the funds from the 5k race be disbursed as \$1,000 to be donated toward Brookside Beach and \$5,000 toward the Ralston Playground. Amalia Duarte made the motion, Clare Button second the motion. All were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on Brookside beach was tabled until next meeting and it was suggested to have Janet Wood be present for the discussion.

Discussion was held about the date of the movie in the park being on Yom Kippur. It was tentatively decided to keep the September 30<sup>th</sup> date.

Steve presented a recreation database program, Community Pass, to help with the management of registration and participant information. It is used by 50-60% of recreation departments in the state. Initial expense for installation is approximately \$2,700 and then an annual fee of \$1,700.

Regarding the recreation survey it was recommended to add the following: card games for adults, field hockey for youth and include a section asking for the ages of family members as the start of the survey.

Middle school dance to be held in October. It will include working with HSA to run the concession as a fundraiser for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. The dance is typically open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Mendham and Chester middle schools.

Diane Tolley made a motion to close, second by Clare Button. All were in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.