

Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
April 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes (approved 5/1/17)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Anna Scanniello at 7:00 pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Members Present

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| John Coelho | Ned Nelson |
| Charles Cunion | Anna Scanniello |
| Debie King | David Wain |

Members Absent

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| James Baldassare, Sr | Victor Hatala |
| Michael Conley | John Malay |
| Georgeann DiRienzo | Jim Milito |

Non-Members Present

Jennifer Gander, Director, Parks & Recreation
Sean O’Grady, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
Ruth Cucinell, Recording Secretary

Public Present

Bryce Johnson – 100 N. Finley Ave, BR
Hayden Cresanti –59 Whitenack Rd, BR
Stella Campbell – 266 English Pl
Arman Shah – 11 Sullivan Dr
Kyle Kuriloff - 1 Tartan Dr
Andrew Baach – 25 Briar Lane
Andrew Mallach – 11 Baltusrol Way, Far Hills
Michael Macchiarola – 34 Mine Brook Rd, Far Hills

4. MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes from the February 6th meeting was made by John Coelho and seconded by David Wain. All in favor; motion approved.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. None
6. PROJECT TEAMS
 - A. Team Assignments & Objectives – Jennifer Gander reviewed the RPP Teams – Goals and Objectives for 2017.
 - B. 2017 Facility Assessments – Sean O’Grady and Jim Milito will review the facility assessment checklist to see if any changes are recommended. RPP members will

be instructed on the assessment process at the May meeting. Assessment results will be due in June/July.

7. REPORTS

A. Charter Day – To date, less than 3 booth spaces remain.

- Art Show – Volunteers Needed – setup at 11:00 am on May 18 and 19. On May 20 at 5:00 pm – volunteers needed to breakdown art show. Jennifer Gander will email volunteer signup sheet.
- Parks & Recreation Booth – Volunteers Needed – This year volunteers from the Golf Advisory Committee, Pool Commission and Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee are asked to volunteer for about one hour on Charter Day to man a Recreation Department booth. Goal is to better promote all of our offerings.

B. Programming

- Spring Programs – Sean O’Grady reported spring programs have begun and many are filled. New outdoor Ant/Floor hockey programs at the Dunham Park Roller Rink will begin after the school district spring break. Registration has been extended to enable more children to enroll. Men’s softball currently has 8 teams registered. Field Hockey clinic, youth and adult tennis lessons are among the spring program offerings.
- Spring into Summer Week, April 24 – 29 – formerly known as Youth Week, this week has been revamped to promote the Recreation Department’s upcoming spring and summer programs. Monday, 4/24, will be used to provide an ant/floor hockey demonstration at the Dunham Park Roller Rink. Wednesday, 4/26, will offer a mini-summer preview of summer camp—arts & crafts and a musical performance are among the planned activities. Friday, 4/28, will offer free tennis lessons. The week caps off with the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 29, at the Southard Park pond.
- Summer Programs – The five weeks of summer trip camp have been sold out. Currently collecting names on waitlists. Registration for the summer recreation program is open. Waitlist available for the Cedar Hill, grades 2-5 location. There is availability in the grades K-1 camp site at Liberty Corner and grades 2-5 at Mt. Prospect. Youth and Adult tennis programs will be offered. Once again, summer concert series will be Tuesdays, movies will be on Wednesdays and Plays in the Park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. First event will be on July 11 with car show, in conjunction with the Bernardsville Rotary Club, and Billy Joel cover band as the featured concert performer.

C. Cultural Arts

- Community Art Show, Environmental Education Center
 1. Show open to public through April 23rd
- Annual Photography Competition
 1. Photograph Drop Off at Recreation Dept. by April 28 – The theme of this year's Photo Contest is "The Essence of Bernards."
 2. Photo Review Meeting – Cultural Arts Project Team will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 1st prior to our regular meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Curb your dog – Jennifer Gander has been in discussions with the Township Animal Control Department regarding resident complaints about dog waste along the pathways of our parks. Jennifer is soliciting ideas to develop a public awareness campaign in efforts to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets. Some ideas such as adding signage and cameras to the parks were discussed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- A. Suggestions regarding the curb your dog discussion from students in attendance included offering a reward of some kind to those who remind offenders that is against the law to leave pet waste behind. A student remarked that having cameras in the park may be intrusive and could make people feel uneasy about constantly being watched. In contrast a comment was made that cameras would be a way of protecting our investment in keeping the parks clean and safe for all residents to enjoy.
- B. Michael Macchiarola, 34 Mine Brook Rd, Far Hills, suggested the committee consider improving basketball options in the township parks, specifically to convert the Liberty Corner tennis courts into a basketball court. Topic was discussed. Anna Scanniello asked that Mr. Macchiarola submit his concerns and recommendations in a letter to the Recreation Department. This topic can then be added to the May 1, 2017 RPP meeting agenda for further review and discussion. Jennifer Gander noted that the bid to resurface the Liberty Corner Tennis Courts had already been advertised and funding committed. These courts would not be converted.

11. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by David Wain; seconded by Debbie King. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Cucinell
Recording Secretary