

Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Approved 6/4/18
April 2, 2018

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

Members Present

John Coelho	Debbie Nungester
Michael Conley, Jr.	D. J. Salvante
John Malay	Anna Scanniello
Ned Nelson	

Members Absent

Charles Cunion	Jim Milito
Victor Hatala	David Wain
Debbie King	

Non-Members Present

Jennifer Gander, Director, Parks & Recreation
Ruth Cucinell, Corresponding Secretary

4. MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 5, 2018 JOINT MEETING MINUTES – Motion made by John Coelho to approve the minutes of the February 5th joint meeting; seconded by Debbie Nungester. All in favor; minutes approved.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. None
6. PROJECT TEAMS
 - A. Team Assignments – Jennifer Gander discussed the team assignments.
 - B. 2018 Facility Assessments – The facilities team consists of Jim Milito, Anna Scanniello and Debbie King. Jennifer explained the annual facility review where committee members are assigned a specific group of facilities to survey. Next month, Jim Milito will further discuss this activity and groups will be formed and facilities to review assigned.
 - Park Damage from Storms – The War Memorial baseball backstop collapsed. The high school baseball team has been relocated to Pleasant Valley Park fields. Fallen trees have damaged the newly installed Oak Street School tennis court fence. Jen is obtaining quotes for the fence repair.

7. REPORTS

A. Charter Day

- Art Show – Volunteers Needed – Everyone is asked to volunteer to help set up and take down the student artwork for the Charter Day Art Show display at the Presbyterian Church. During the May meeting, a volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated.
- Parks & Recreation Booth – Volunteers Needed – Once again a booth, comprised of committee members from the Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee, Golf Advisory Committee and Pool Commission will participate in Charter Day. Volunteers are needed in one hour increments between 11:00AM and 5:00PM. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated at the May meeting.
- Food vendor booths are sold out. About 15 booths are still available for business and non-profit participants.

B. Programming

- Spring Programs – Spring program registrations are taking place. Offerings include ant/floor hockey which will once again take place outdoors in Dunham Park. A new basketball clinic to be held in Pleasant Valley Park is being offered. Youth and adult tennis, field hockey, senior art and adult fitness programs are also available.
- Spring into Summer Week – Due to the loss of school break days, the traditional spring break weekday daytime activities have been cancelled. The annual Fishing Derby will still take place on Saturday, April 21.
- Summer Programs – Camps and workshops are filling up. Information regarding summer basketball clinic and tennis programs will be announced soon. A “Save the Date” announcement is on the website for upcoming summer events in the parks. This year a survey was sent out to gain resident input for choice of movies. Plays in the Park will be a three-week run of the musical, “The Little Mermaid.” There will be no classical production this year.
- Summer Employment – Summer employment interviews have begun. Still accepting applications for some positions.

C. Cultural Arts

- Annual Photography Competition
 1. Photograph Drop Off at Recreation Dept. by April 30 – Began collecting photos for the competition. Deadline is April 30.

2. Photo Review Meeting – Cultural Arts Project Team – Prior to the May 7th meeting, the cultural arts team, comprised of Debbie King, John Coelho and Anna Scanniello, will meet with Jennifer Gander at 6:30PM to review and determine the winners of the photo competition.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendations for Slogans to Encourage “Smoke Free” Parks – The committee reviewed a Health Department handout that listed some tag lines/slogans regarding smoke-free parks that potentially could be used on print publications, township website, etc. This would be an effort to encourage non-smoking in our parks without creating an ordinance.

Motion made by Mike Conley, Jr., to select “Young Lungs at Play, Thank you for Not Smoking” as the tagline recommendation of the RPP committee for the Health Department to use. Motion seconded by John Coelho. All in favor; motion approved. Jennifer will advise the Health Department of this recommendation.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by John Coelho, seconded by Mike Conley, Jr. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

13. GROUP PHOTO – group photo was taken following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Cucinell
Secretary