

Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Approved 1/28/19
November 5, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Anna Scanniello

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Coelho	Debbie Nungester
John Malay	Anna Scanniello
Ned Nelson	

Members Absent

Michael Conley, Jr.	Debbie King
Charles Cunion	Jim Milito
Victor Hatala	D. J. Salvante

Non-Members Present

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

4. MOTION TO APPROVE October 1, 2018 MINUTES – Motion made to approve the minutes of the 10/1/18 meeting was made by Debbie Nungester; seconded by John Coelho. All in favor; Minutes approved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

6. REPORTS

A. Programming

- Pumpkins in the Park – Jennifer Gander reported that this event was well attended and thanked John Carpenter and John Coelho for assisting by judging the pumpkin carving contest and joining in the pumpkin rolling event.
- Field of Honor – About 100 people were in attendance for the dedication ceremony on 11/4/18. Thank you to the Girl Scouts, RHS Marching Band and VFW Post7858 for their assistance.

B. Facilities

- Court Repairs & Pickleball – Work continues on the tennis courts at Rebel Hill. Weather has delayed its completion. In response to several residents' pickleball inquiries and since the courts have yet to be striped, pickle ball lines will be added in a different color from the traditional tennis court lines.
- NJ Smoke Free Air Act Revision – Parks – In response to this state legislation which becomes effective on 1/16/19, no-smoking signs will be installed in all parks.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. League Play & Facility Use

- Tennis & Paddle Courts – Jennifer Gander began discussion regarding Recreation Department policy on tennis and paddle court usage. She sought the committee's opinion on whether or not a permit (along with associated fees and insurance) should be required by a group when a league sanctioned game is being played on our courts and a referee or an official is present.
- Grass Athletic Fields – Jennifer indicated that similar usage without a permit has occurred on Township athletic fields. While a permit is required for the use of the turf fields (per ordinance) the same requirement is not applied to grass fields. There is no issue with pick up play or practice by children or adults, but when a league sanctioned game with a referee, umpire or other official is present, a permit should be required. This would provide group contacts to the department to ensure activities are cancelled when fields are closed and will also cover liability.

Committee members in attendance felt that a fee and insurance should be required and a permit issued in such league sanctioned tennis/paddle tennis games. Jennifer said will include fee structure on the 2019 fee structure listing she will submit to TC for approval.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS – John Malay was recognized and thanked for his years of service on the committee.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion made by John Malay to adjourn; seconded by John Coelho. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Cucinell