

**JOINT MEETING OF
Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee,
Pool Commission & Golf Advisory Committee
FEBRUARY 6, 2017
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED 4/3/17 by Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
APPROVED 3/20/17 by Golf Advisory Committee
APPROVED 2/27/17 by Pool Commission**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Jennifer Gander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Golf Advisory Committee

Members Present: Sharon Cepeda, Michael Conley, John Gunning, John Meany, Timothy O'Rourke, Peter Tobia

Members Absent: Michael Conley, Jr., Carolyn Gaziano

Pool Commission

Members Present: Rich Moschello, Andrew Provence, Bernadette Reilly, Theodore Renz, John Salaki, Jr., Joanne Wachenfeld,

Members Absent: Carol Bianchi, Donald Wadsworth, Craig Wilson

Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee

Members Present: Jim Baldassare, John Coelho, Michael Conley, Georgeann DiRienzo, Victor Hatala, John Malay, Jim Milito, Ned Nelson, David Wain

Members Absent: Charles Cunion, Debbie King, Anna Scanniello

Non-members of all committees who were present: Jennifer Gander, Jack McGrath, Chris Zimmerman, Ruth Cucinell

4. MEMBER INTRODUCTION – Members of all committees introduced themselves to all in attendance
5. RE-ORGANIZATION
 - A. Golf Advisory Committee
 - Nominations for 2017 Chairperson – Tim O'Rourke nominated Mike Conley for chairman, seconded by Pete Tobia. All in favor; motion passed.
 - Nominations for 2017 Deputy Chairperson – Mike Conley nominated Pete Tobia for deputy chairman, seconded by John Gunning. All in favor; motion passed.
 - B. Pool Commission

- Nominations for 2017 Chairperson - John Salaki nominated Rich Moschello for chairperson; seconded by Joanne Wachenfeld. All in favor; motion passed.
- Nominations for 2017 Deputy Chairperson – Rich Moschello nominated John Salaki for deputy chairperson; seconded by Andy Provence, All in favor; motion passed.
- Finance Team Leader Appointment – Our longstanding finance team leader, Don Wadsworth, has announced his resignation from the Pool Commission. This item will be tabled for discussion at a future meeting. A Township Committee Resolution in Don's honor is being prepared for the February 14, 2017 meeting.

C. Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee

- Nominations for 2017 Chairperson – Jim Milito nominated Anna Scanniello for chairperson, seconded by Mike Conley. All in favor; motion passed.
- Nominations for 2017 Deputy Chairperson – Jim Milio nominated Debbie King for deputy chairperson; seconded by Mike Conley. All in favor; motion passed.
- Facilities Project Team – Project Team Leader – Jim Milito. Members – David Wain, Ned Nelson and John Coelho
- Cultural Arts Project Team –Project Team Leader – Debbie King, Members – John Malay, Jim Milito and John Coelho

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of 10-17-16 Golf Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Mike Conley to approve the Minutes; seconded by John Gunning, All in favor; motion passed.
- Approval of 10-24-16 Pool Commission Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Andy Provence to approve the Minutes; seconded by Rich Moschello. All in favor; motion passed.
- Approval of 10-03-16 Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Motion made by David Wain to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mike Conley. All in favor; motion passed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Vendor Registration for [Charter Day](#), May 20, 2017 – Vendor registration packets were mailed last week. Permitting only one (1) booth per vendor this year to allow for more variety/participation. Bernards Township residents can return their packets immediately. Residents of Somerset County can return applications beginning March 1. All others may apply beginning March 27.

- B. [Community Art Show](#) & [Mayor's Arts Awards](#) - Jennifer Gander passed out flyers for both the Community Art Show and Mayor's Arts Awards. February 17 is the deadline for nominations for the Mayor's Arts Awards. The Cultural Arts project team and the Mayor will review the submissions and recipients will be presented with awards at the opening reception of the Community Art Show on March 18. We are currently accepting entries from artists for the Community Art Show. Must be age 16 and above and can submit as many as 4 pieces of work. Entry deadline is February 28th.
- C. [Pool](#) & [Golf](#) Membership Update – Jennifer Gander reported that, at this time, we are still within the period for the lowest membership rates for both pool and golf. Monies collected thus far are higher than the same time last year. We are sending bi-weekly reminder emails to 2016 members, and also targeting former members, residents age 60+, non-residents, etc., in order to generate increased enrollment. We will also send reminders to paid 2017 pool members regarding the early rates for prepaid guest visit credits purchased in bulk.
- D. Recreation [Programs](#) & [Trips](#) Update – Chris Zimmerman reported that basketball is in progress with 440 children participating. The addition of second grade to the league was a big success. Adult open gym and fitness classes are underway. Six of the nine adult yoga classes are sold out. Senior art class is sold out. Spring/Summer program registration will begin at 8:30 am on Monday, February 13th. Ant and floor hockey will be held this spring outside in Dunham Park for the first time. We are revamping youth week to be a preview of summer activities called “Spring into Summer Week”. Activities will showcase our spring and summer activity offerings and conclude with the annual Fishing Derby. There will be three sites for summer camp this year--Liberty Corner for K-1; Cedar Hill and Mt Prospect for grades 2-5. Trip camp will consist of two 3-day weeks and three 5-day weeks. These camps are very popular and we expect them to sell out quickly.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of By-Laws for 2017 – All Committees – Motion made by Mike Conley to approve the by-laws for 2017; seconded by John Coehlo. All in favor; motion passed.
- B. Approval of 2017 Volunteer Events – RPP Advisory Committee – Motion made by John Malay to approve the 2017 RPP Advisory Committee Volunteer Events; seconded by Mike Conley. All in favor; motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Charter Day - Parks & Recreation Booth – Discussion regarding if committee members would be interested in manning a Parks & Recreation information booth at Charter Day this year, to advertise pool and golf memberships and recreation activities. We can set up a schedule requesting volunteers for each hour the fair is open, 11am – 5pm. This will be added to each committee's next agenda. Mike Conley suggested we come up with some sort of golf course giveaway.

NEW RPP Project Teams for 2017

- Monarch/Wildflower Garden – Jennifer Gander presented this idea and discussion ensued. Jim Milito, Ned Nelson and Debbie King have volunteered to work on this project. Jim Milito stated that there was already a designated spot, identified by signage, in Dunham Park where a wildflower garden was to be established. Jennifer Gander will follow up.
- Community Bee Garden – Jennifer Gander presented this idea and discussion ensued. John Malay, Anna Scanniello and Ned Nelson have volunteered to work on this project. The Friends of the Ross Farm have tried something similar and may be a good resource.

B. 2017 Pool Events & Activities

- Try the Pool – With membership satisfaction in mind, Try the Pool will be discontinued in its current form. Discussed the idea of offering tours of the facility during pre-opening hours or producing video tours that can be viewed online.
- Promotional Giveaway Days – As it was difficult to fill a calendar with giveaways and we have some left from 2016, this year we will focus on building Member Appreciation Day instead of weekly giveaways.
- Activities & Programs – Jennifer Gander announced that we will be going out to bid shortly for a competitive contract for swim lessons. Jennifer Gander proposed the idea of purchasing equipment to hold log rolling in the pool. Morris Township has had a lot of success with this activity. It could be used as a team builder for staff as well.
- Special Events – Weekly crafts and games will continue this season as well as Family Fun Night and float nights. New ideas are welcome.

C. 2017 Golf Course Initiatives & Project Teams

- Sponsorship – Discussion regarding offering tee sponsors – a sign placed on every hole with the sponsors name for a fee. Discussed potential tournament sponsors. Mike Conley, Tim O'Rourke and Mike Conley, Jr. volunteered to work on sponsorship/donation ideas.
- Donations- Discussed possibility of seeking donations for picnic tables, shade structures and other site amenities.
- Marketing – Discussed cross-over marketing to both pool and golf members. Put ads in each other's newsletter. Target homeowners associations, corporations and nonresidents. Peter Tobia, John Gunning and Bernadette Reilly volunteered to work on marketing ideas. Tim O'Rourke suggested targeting youth for membership, as it is more economical to become a member than to be a guest. Discussion will be added to the agenda for next golf meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Pete Tobia, seconded by John Meany All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Cucinell