

**Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
October 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes – (approved 11/6/17)**

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

Debbie King	Ned Nelson
John Malay	Anna Scanniello
Jim Milito	David Wain

Members Absent

Jim Baldassare	Charles Cunion
John Coelho	Georgeann DiRienzo
Mike Conley	Victor Hatala

Others Present

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

4. MOTION TO APPROVE - August 21, 2017 MINUTES
Motion made by Debbie King to approve Minutes of the August 21 Joint RPP, PC & GAC meeting; seconded by Ned Nelson. All in favor, motion approved.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. None
6. REPORTS
 - A. Programming
 - Summer Program & Labor Day Bike Race Review – Sean O’Grady thanked all committee members who volunteered to introduce our summer concerts, plays in the park and movies in the park. Sean also thanked those committee members who helped with the Labor Day bike races. A total of 157 children were pre-registered. Approximately 100 children participated on race day.
 - Fall Program Update – Sean reported that all fall adult and youth programs are underway. Registration began today for youth recreation basketball for both boys and girls in grades 2 through 8. Broadway play offerings for 2018 are currently being worked on.
 - Pumpkins in the Park – October 25th – this event is set for Wednesday, October 25, at Dunham Park beginning at 5:30 pm. Activities include a pumpkin carving contest, DJ, arts/crafts and games. The event flyer was passed around, and committee members were asked to consider volunteering. A follow-up email will be sent.

- Field of Honor – This event will take place on Sunday, November 5, with the ceremony beginning at 12:00 pm. Donations through Community of Hope can be made until October 31st. For a \$30.00 donation, you can honor someone with the placement of a flag on the front lawn of the municipal building. A ribbon with the name of the honoree will be affixed to the flag.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no comment; however, the following members of the public were in attendance:

Holly Glaze, 4 Village Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ
Rebecca Krest, 4 Village Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ
Alex Heltzer, 3474 Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS – David Wain opened discussion regarding the repair of footbridges on pathways. John Malay indicated that there is money in this year's budget and a commitment to repair the Lafayette Lane bridge. However, repair work there has been delayed because of the need to obtain a construction easement from a property owner. The footbridges on Lyons Road and Stonehouse Road will not be repaired this year.

Jim Milito remarked that greenery is overgrown around the 9/11 memorial walking path. Also, a bench by the playground is unstable. It also appears that bark on the bottom of some trees may be getting hurt. Also, the possibility of placing more garbage cans around Pleasant Valley Park was discussed. Sean said that he will write to Pat Monaco to address these issues.

John Malay indicated that committee member, Jim Baldassare, Sr., wrote a letter to the Township Committee regarding his thoughts on upgrades to township baseball and softball fields. John Malay said that it was his intention to discuss the letter with Mr. Baldassare at this meeting; however, Jim was not in attendance. John also said that he, Jennifer Gander, Bruce McArthur and Pat Monaco will go through the request letter to identify what items are feasible to pursue from a staff and cost perspective.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Cucinell
Recording Secretary