

**Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee**  
**MINUTES – October 1, 2018 – APPROVED 11/5/18**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**

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

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Coelho	Michael Conley, Jr.
Victor Hatala	Debbie King
John Malay	Jim Milito
Debbie Nungester	D.J. Salvante
Anna Scanniello	

Members Absent

Charles Cunion  
Ned Nelson  
David Wain

Non Members Present

Jennifer Gander  
Sean O'Grady  
Deirdre Vogel

4. MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 4, 2018 MINUTES – Motion made to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting made by John Coelho; seconded by Debbie King. All agreed; motion approved.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. None
6. REPORTS
  - A. Park Facilities – Annual RPP Assessment Review – Sean O'Grady reported that all assessments have been received and work will proceed on items in need of attention.
  - B. Programming
    - Summer Programs & Labor Day Bike Race Review – Jennifer Gander thanked all committee members who volunteered to introduce our summer concerts, play in the park and movies in the park. Jennifer also thanked those committee members who helped with the Labor Day bike races. A total of 148 children were pre-registered. Approximately 100 children participated on race day. Sean O'Grady shared information on the summer youth program's success and in particular the Teen Trip Camp. Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Teen Trip Camp a 5<sup>th</sup> trip was added to the schedule this summer to accommodate the wait listed children.
    - Fall Program Update – Sean reported that fall adult and youth program registration began today. The Rec Rundown newsletter went out today listing fall programs. The Recreation Department welcomes inquiries for volunteer coaches.

- Pumpkins in the Park – This event is set for Wednesday October 24, at Dunham Park beginning at 5:00 pm. Activities include a pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, DJ, arts/crafts and games. Ridge Against Alcohol and Drugs student members will be in attendance to help with activities. Committee members were asked to consider volunteering. Anna Scanniello and John Malay volunteered to be judges.
- Field of Honor – This event will take place on Sunday, November 4, with the ceremony beginning at 12 p.m. Donations through Community of Hope can be made until October 31. For a \$30 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

A. None

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. John Coelho mentioned comments from acquaintances regarding the condition this year, of the Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course. Unseasonable rainy weather was attributed to the situations mentioned. Jennifer Gander said the Golf Advisory Committee is aware of members comments on course conditions. She also reminded the board that there is an online survey where individuals can report on course condition issues.
- B. D.J. Salvante inquired as to the field closure policy due to inclement weather or wet conditions. Jennifer explained current department procedures on how the grounds crew makes the determination, where closures are listed on the website and that the closure is self-policed.
- C. Other comments included the parking at Mountain Park which seems overcrowded in general and made worse by the fact that a local tree company has been parking their trucks there taking up 30 or 40 spaces with their equipment. Jen Gander will contact the tree company to relocate. Also there have been catering trucks and vehicles from shelter rentals parking on pedestrian pathways at Dunham Park.
- D. Jennifer asked that anyone who had not yet responded to the inquiry of their intention to serve on the board in 2019, do so as soon as possible.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel  
Recording Secretary