

**OCEANPORT RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2017**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Oceanport Recreation Committee held on
Wednesday evening, November 8, 2017, Blackberry Bay Park Building

In attendance: Members:
 Jay Silverman
 Greg Lockwood
 Paul Hester
 Mike MacStudy
 Sheila Harrigan
 Joanne Hunt (via phone)
 Mike Schneider
 Therese Wollman

Absent: Beth Watkins
 Kyle Sheridan
 Spencer Carpenter
 Steve Solan

Open Meeting/Flag Salute

Meeting called to order by Jay Silverman at 7:30pm. Motion to open the meeting was made by Mike Schneider and seconded by Mike MacStudy.

Approval of Minutes

October 2017 minutes were approved in a motion made by Mike MacStudy and seconded by Therese Wollman- all were in favor.

Correspondence:

Therese Wollman reported that there was no correspondence. Therese Wollman reported that all thank you notes were sent for Summer's End and she will work on a thank you note for Halloween for the firehouse after next month.

Recreation Report:

Halloween was well attended.

Pretzels were a good idea.

Mike MacStudy noted that the Explorer's breakfast date is an issue and must be addressed. There was also concern that Mayor and Council did not attend (with the exception of Steve Solan). After a brief discussion, it was decided that Joanne Hunt will send out an invitation to events through Jeanne Smith prior to each event.

There was a discussion about enhancing Halloween- a suggestion to do a scarecrow content was made but Paul Hester said that the PTO has one. Everyone agreed that the event is good as is.

Tree Lighting is next event- 12/3/17

Therese Wollman noted that we should set up a photo area and Paul Hester suggested we need to plan for music and for future events secure a sound system. Therese Wollman suggested we order a banner for the tree lighting that can serve as a backdrop for Santa photos and she will order one without words (just a scene for the wall).

Paul Hester will secure the choir.

The tree lights will be checked by the sub committee.

Joanne Hunt ordered small stockings and candy canes for Santa to giveaway.

Field Revenue to Date: \$9895.00

Boat Permits to Date: \$6720.00

Field Requests: None

Council Liaison Report: Steve Solan- not present

Mike MacStudy spoke to the Mayor and reported that as part of the budget and future grants, we need to consider plans for park and park improvements for the next 5 years at a minimum. Mayor Coffey is requesting along with BA Ray Poerio that we put together a “wish” list for the new park that will be a part of the new Borough hall located at the Fort. Joanne Hunt reminded everyone that this will be the likely location for Action Camp in the future. Mike MacStudy also stated that a large evergreen should be considered for the tree lighting as part of the plan. Therese Wollman stated that the fence was down at the BBB basketball court.

Public Comments: Motion to open the meeting to the public made by Paul Hester and seconded Therese Wollman at 8:00 pm. As there was no one from the public present, a motion was made by Paul Hester and seconded by Mike MacStudy to close the meeting to the public at 8:01 pm.

Subcommittee Reports:

Subcommittee & Officer Review Panel- Therese Wollman- No report

Sonny Giordano Award- Greg Lockwood- Working on depleting account but there was no updates.

Nominations- Spencer Carpenter was not present. See report below.

Memorial Day Parade Committee- No report

Summer’s End- Jay Silverman- No report

Halloween- Sheila Harrigan- previously reported. Paul Hester added that the categories were good and that the judging was well done by all.

Tree Lighting- Previously reported. Time to meet will be 3:30 pm.

Egg Scramble- No report

Decorating Contest- Mike Schneider- Paul Hester said we really need to get the word out so that people have their lights on. Joanne Hunt will send flier to the schools and FaceBook. Committee will travel in 2 cars to cover more ground and meet at Old Wharf to deliberate.

Grants/ Master Plan/Park Improvement – Previously discussed. Sub Committee will reconvene in January and start regular meetings.

Movies- Therese Wollman –Joanne Hunt reported that the 2017 bill was paid.

Mini Golf- Mike MacStudy- No report

Music/Bocce- Paul Hester- No report

Nominations: Spencer Carpenter was not present. Greg Lockwood called for nominations from the floor. Voting will take place in December.

In a motion made by Paul Hester and seconded by Mike MacStudy, Therese Wollman was nominated for the position of Chair. Greg Lockwood called for any additional nominations or suggestions. In a motion made by Paul Hester and seconded by Sheila Harrigan, nominations were closed. Greg Lockwood called for a vote to approve the nomination. All were in favor.

In a motion made by Mike MacStudy and seconded by Sheila Harrigan, Paul Hester was nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Greg Lockwood called for any additional nominations or suggestions. In a motion made by Jay Silverman and seconded by Sheila Harrigan, nominations were closed. Greg Lockwood called for a vote to approve the nomination. All were in favor.

Finance Report/ Update – Greg Lockwood

Greg Lockwood reported we are at the end of this fiscal year. Mike MacStudy questioned whether safety surfacing was paid out of open space and he would like to see spreadsheet to ensure we spend

all funds. Based on balances- we can purchase 3 buddy swings- Charles, BBB and Community Center parks. This will depend on spending after expenses for events.
Soccer still has not requested funds. Greg Lockwood will reach out.

Old Business:

Bench Program: Mike MacStudy- Information regarding the benches will go out in the January/February bulletin.

Bathroom at BBB- discussion tabled for next month

2018 Calendar- Joanne Hunt will submit calendar of events.

New Business:

Roller Hockey Rink- Jay Silverman raised the issue of the status of the rink. The Committee discussed the following ideas: Trailer parking, picnic tables and seating. It was requested that the discussion continue and that we are kept informed of any ideas being discussed so that the Recreation Committee be able to provide input.

New Park at Fort Monmouth- Continuing the discussion regarding a wish list, the Committee agreed that we need an active park for multiple age groups:

1. No spray park
2. Walking path
3. Shaded and possible area with a gazebo
4. Large evergreen tree
5. Sign board- out front to replace old sign
6. No sport fields
7. Playground- tot lot and 5-12
8. 4 square
9. Benches, picnic tables
10. Sport wall- as this discussion was raised; it was also thought to consider a multi-sport wall where roller hockey rink is now. The bottom surface could possibly be re-purposed.

Mike MacStudy suggested we put a call out to the schools to see if children have ideas as to what they would like to see included in "their" park.

Adjourn: Motion made by Paul Hester and seconded Greg Lockwood to close the meeting at 9:05 pm. Next meeting is December 13, 2017, 6:30 pm. We will move to The Marina at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Joanne Hunt