

Metuchen Recreation Commission

Minutes from May 10, 2016

Present: George Ludwig, Ron Grayzel, Liza Bruns, Matt Masturzo, Dee Sneddon, Alicia Killean, Bruce Perigallo, Nancy Goldberg, John Masturzo, Reed Leibfried

Welcome to our two new members: Alternate 1 Matt Masturzo, Alternate 2 Liza Bruns Ordinance 2016-12 - The official establishment of the Recreation Commission.

Park Improvement Discussion - Reviewed letter written to the Mayor – signed by Recreation Chairperson in an effort to obtain a budget figure for park improvements.

Field Task Meeting – took place April 20th – organized by Reed Liebfried – to discuss desires of various sport organizations – 5 /10 year strategic plans . The first meeting the following was discussed;

- Hampton is not utilized because of unsafe/ not maintained
- Vidas soccer field has drainage issues. Recreation uses the field for pre k programs
- Liza Bruns has volunteered to be on the task force along with Nancy Goldberg, and Ron Grayzel.

Sunday, May 15th is the Edison/Metuchen Mayors Bike Ride. Starts at 9:00am from the Edison Municipal Building . 25 miles ride.

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 30th starts at 10:00am. Begins near the Senior Center and ends at Edgar School for the memorial Ceremony. Rain or shine. Recreation is in charge of the Bicycle decorating and we will be distributing candy along the route.

Grant for Innovated Play Areas -- thinking up new ideas.

Brochure for summer programs is available through the schools and on line. Registrations are beginning to come in.

Metuchen High School Track – Looks like we will be able to have track camp as the track is suppose to be resurfaced before graduation.

Mayor reminded the sports organizations to lock the bathroom at Myrtle Park when they leave for the night.

A timer is being installed at the Oakland Tennis courts. Lights are set to go on Monday through Sunday from dusk till 10:00pm.

Fishing Derby Date will be discussed next month.

The Metuchen Arts Council is partnering with Woodwild Park for The Arts in The Garden Tour, on Saturday, June 26th. Proceeds to benefit Woodwild Park, the Horse Trough, BIL and the Arts Council. In the evening there will be an art auction. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance.

Park Discussion – Jennifer Maier, Borough Administrator

***Oakland Park** – Paint shed, replace grate, cutting away vegetation and replace fencing, repair slide, replace wood chips, replace bubble play piece, fix swings so toddlers and older swing bays are separate. Fix swings with rubber seats, raising the ground cover (woodchips)under slide. Remove part of the RR ties to get wheelchairs through, trim tree branches, clean/power wash all equipment repair or replace/paint pipes on swings.

*** Myrtle Park** – Fill in your play area under slides, power wash, paint buildings, replace bolts missing from exercise equipment, replace split rail fence.

***Kentnor Park** – remove tire swings, relocate swing set away from trees, fill hole behind Basketball court, depressed curb plus pathway to make it accessible, turn old bocce ball court into a community garden. Turn basketball court and level it out.

*** Center Street** – Rebuild climbing portion of slide, take away safety hazards with the slide, clean up wooded area, Paint basketball backboard, put out new benches, fix sidewalk, add dirt and chips under swings, replace hard swings with soft banded swings.

***Hampton Park** : Tree coming down (unsafe), tire swing removal, extend and fill fall zone by slide, new benches, add bleachers to baseball field, weed and put down new peat gravel.

Jennifer Maier wants to set up neighborhood meetings to see what neighbors are interested in seeing done.

***Olmezar Park** : Applied to CBGB grant to get ADA compliant parking spaces and paving for accessibility; planting behind the fence; regulator on merry go round.

All of these improvements are expected to completed by this Spring. Jennifer would like to have the Recreation Commission walk through the parks one Saturday in May to evaluate the maintenance needs of each park.

Several composters are still available if anyone is interested.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alicia Killean, Secretary

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