

Metuchen Recreation Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

The Recreation Commission of the Borough of Metuchen held their monthly meeting on June 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Metuchen Senior Center located at 15 Center Street.

Attendance

Alicia Killean - Chair	✓	Matt Moore - Committee Alternate	✓
Erik Diamond – Vice Chair	✓	Matt Owens - Committee Alternate	✓
Ken Kacani - Secretary	✓		
Liza Bruns – Committee Member		Joel Branch - Borough Council Liaison	
George Ludwig - Committee Member		Rick Perrine - Dir - Rec & Sr Services	✓
Matt Masturzo - Committee Member		Wendi Richards - Rec & Sr Services Coordinator	✓
John Mindler - Committee Member	✓		
Don Wallace - Committee Member			

Recreation Sponsored Events Recap

- Bike Rodeo was held on Saturday May 6, 2023. Program ran smooth although turnout was light.
- Mayor’s Bike tour was held on May 21, 2023.
- Memorial Day Parade held – May 29, 2023.

Upcoming Recreation Sponsored Events

- The Recreation Commission is in the planning phase of the following proposed events:
 - Matt O provided updates on Fishing Derby – tentatively scheduled for Aug. Time and date to be finalized and the Commission is working on having Tommy’s Pond potentially stocked with new fish.
 - Rick provided – Update on Summer Camp (open, registration numbers, etc.)
 - Rick provided updates on Men’s basketball gym times.
 - The Commission had a discussion on other competing camps with in the town.
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Camp Update:

- Recreation Department sponsored summer camps are posted with some times and facilities TBD due to delays in field/gym or school permits. Details on the various types of camps offered, times and pricing will be published on the Recreation Department web-site.

Field Update:

- The Commission had a discussion on the Edgar field:
- Final Field Layout
- Project scope update – open bid

- Discussion on what's included in the project beyond the fencing/netting/turf/walking path.
- Update on timeline and impact on Fall 2023/ Spring 2024 sports programs
- Communication plan to sports organizations and schools
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- The Commission continues to discuss the impact of the school's construction as the town will be losing 2 baseball fields at Moss and one at Campbell. The Commission will be monitoring and seeking more information specifically around the timeline and the impact this will have on our sports field capacity.
- The Recreation Commission is in still the process of creating a "Metuchen Youth Sports Association" which will have representation of all of the town's sport organizations to oversee the general needs of our sports facilities including the use, maintenance, upkeep, etc.

Other Business:

None Noted

Next Meeting:

There are no meetings scheduled for July or Aug.

The meeting to be held is on Sept 11, 2023 7:00pm at the Metuchen Senior Center