

Metuchen Recreation Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023

The Recreation Commission of the Borough of Metuchen held their monthly meeting on May 1, 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	✓		

*Ken was chair of this meeting

Minutes

The April Meeting was cancelled due to conflicting priorities with committee members.

Recreation Sponsored Events Recap

- Daddy Daughter Dance attendance was back to pre-pandemic participation – 324 students. Commission discussed ways to improve the event including the picture process and vendor requirements,
- Mother Son Bowling on April 24, 2023 at Majestic Lanes Bowling Alley in Woodridge was another big success and reached maximum participation.
- The Egg Hunt was held April 8, 2023 at Myrtle Field. The Commission discussed a how to organize the start of the hunt and how to configure the field better for the next year.

Upcoming Recreation Sponsored Events

- The Recreation Commission is in the planning phase of the following proposed events:
 - Bike Rodeo, Mayor’s bike ride is scheduled on Saturday May 6th from 10am-12pm in the Halsey Street parking lot.
 - Mayors’ Bike Tour – Sunday May 21st
 - Memorial Day Parade – May 29, 2023, step off is at 10am.
 - 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.

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 layout and will be making a formal proposal recommending the field design with regard to permanent and temporary lines in order to create flexibility to best maximize the use of the space. The Commission received input from several youth sport programs and representatives from the Board of Education prior to finalizing the recommendation.
- The Commission also discussed 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:

June 5, 2023 7:00pm at the Metuchen Senior Center