

Meeting of Mendham Township Recreation Committee
Sept. 19, 2019, 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Amalia Duarte (MTC liaison)	David Guida (Recreation Director)
Terry Gogerty	Trish O'Brien
Adam Dubeck	John Mallon
Philip Ingliss	Kimberly Gavagan

Motion to approve meetings from July mtg – moved and approved

Old Business:

Brookside Beach 2019 season:

- \$9K in revenue (gross w/o expenses)
- Weekend attendance very good (30+/day); weekdays 20-30/day
- Beginning to build reputation as clean/well-run
- Events:
 - Yoga under the stars (25+)
 - Music/bounce house (50-70)
 - Cardboard boat races (0)
 - Mermaid class (5 kids)
- Camps: decrease – two camps, down from three
 - McCaw / Mendham Kids Club (revisit others next year)
- To consider for next year:
 - Charging during the week
 - Seniors? Beach Bingo?
 - Aqua classes
 - Keep open later next year?
 - Food truck on weekends

Teen Travel Camp:

- Had to cancel some trips due to lack of registration
- 16 trips planned; four ran:
 - Big trips (Hershey, Dorney, Great Adventure) are the most popular
- Next year, we'll be allowed to promote in school folders
- Consider opening to younger kids (will need additional counselors)
- Add Camel Beach? Kalahari?
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New Business

Ralston Playground Next Phase:

- Two proposals in hand: \$45K and \$37K

- Basically the same, one has smaller rock wall.
- Discussed buying “basketball” game (\$7K) and using leftover money to supplement fall fundraising efforts
- Fundraiser announced at fall concert on 9/29
- Ideas for a successful fundraiser: Name on plaque or bricks?
- Winter fundraising ideas? Reach out to Dave. Discussed possible Mendham-themed holiday ornaments/candles or t-shirts/hoodies

Events:

- Doggy Dip @ the Beach, 9/14
- Concert, 9/29
- Fall dance, 10/4
- Halloween event, TBD
- USSI numbers
- Coed volleyball
- Ski club – begin registration in Oct.

Budget:

- Operating budget:
 - Asking for \$1K increase for special events (spring/summer movie nights/concerts)
 - Include \$1,250 for water testing
- Capital budget:
 - Park signage
 - Park furnishings
 - Bathroom repairs at Brookside Beach (2021)
 - Dredging (2023)
 - If doing well, concession stand (2025)
 - Fields:
 - 2022 – Mosle \$50K
 - 2020 - IB – irrigation - \$5K
 - 2020 – Ralston - \$10K
 - Wysong – backstop - \$15K

Field concerns:

- Mosle – concrete in field needs to be removed, holes/divots need to be fixed
- Soccer field – fence needed to prevent balls going into the woods
- Baseball field on Mt. Pleasant Road – Overgrown/poor parking.
- Patriot’s Path by PD – tree down
- Install backstop 9/17
- Mowing – consider cutting grass 1x (Fridays to be done for weekend games)
- Parking lot at Ralston – almost done, expansion has improved the situation. Installed ballards vs. repaving. Lines next.