

=MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 29, 2020

7pm via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Montville Township Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Driscoll with the following statement being read: “As required by the Open Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, which notice specified the date, time and place to the extent known at that time; the notice having been submitted to the Citizen of Morris County, Daily Record newspapers, filed in the Township Clerk’s office, as well as posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building.”

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Chair Driscoll, Vice-Chairman Colaiacovo, Commissioners Gauweiler, Van Koppen, Manfra, Marrapodi, Hill, Perretta and Moscone, Director Dent and Secretary Johansen.

ABSENT: None

LIAISONS: MBSA Erik Kirchner (Present)

BRONCOS Peter Matarazzo (Present)

GARDENS Vacancy (Absent)

HOCKEY Mark Armelino (Absent) ALT – John Dec (Absent)

LACROSSE Larry Garb (Present) ALT – Daren Colaiacovo (Present)

SOCCER Frank Maggiore (Absent) ALT – John Lo Basso (Absent)

TWP COM Rich Cook (Present)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WERE PRESENT: David Richmond, Melinda Jennis, Dennis Scully, Charles Sorano, Ken O’Brien

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Recreation Department Direct Programming:

NJDOH and Governor Murphy have updated guidelines regarding opening of parks and playgrounds.

Chairman Driscoll made a motion to open all facilities including bocce, horseshoe pits, pavilion, basketball courts, volleyball courts in addition to all fields. All in favor by Roll Call Vote.

All users need to sign a waiver that they have read the State and Board of Health guidelines and absolve Montville Township of any liability. It will be up to each individual sports organization to make sure all waivers are signed and submitted.

For programs to be up and running, Director Dent will need to have two weeks to hold registration. There are a number of programs that can be salvaged. Rain dates can be set up. Parents should have to remain in the parking lot while a child is on the field in case of rain. Discussion took place regarding bathroom cleaning and this may fall on the individual organizations to take care of during their field usage time slot. Commissioner Hill stated that he would rather see a few programs run well instead of numerous programs that are only mediocre. A number of commissioners agreed. Director Dent will look at the programs and make a list of the ones she think can easily resume.

Summer Concert Series:

Chairman Driscoll thinks that social distancing can definitely happen at the amphitheater. They think signs should be posted and everyone should be required to wear masks.

Outside Athletic Groups and Social Groups

Director Dent would like to leave the fields available to in-town programs first. Only outdoor sports will be taking place. The COVID waivers are being finalized and reviewed by the attorney.

PUBLIC SESSION

Dave Richmond had no comments.

Melinda Jennis, Pathways – She is concerned with the kids that cannot wear masks or follow the guidelines. The Commission wants to make sure that she is aware of the guidelines and that she understands them.

Charles Sorano, MSA – They are planning to start in August pending the receipt of the waivers.

Ken O'Brien, MSA – He asked if all fields will be open to all sports. Director Dent stated the fields will be allotted.

Ben Aiken, MBSA – He states that Erik Kirschner has been very proactive. He suggested marking spots for people to sit on during the concerts at the amphitheater.

Chairman Driscoll states the bathroom cleaning has to be adhered to in order to use the fields. He also believes that a clause needs to be included that the town is notified if another player or participant tests positive or shows symptoms. There will be contact tracing and they will be asked to quarantine.

LIAISON REPORTS

BRONCOS – Liaison Matarazzo stated that he is clear on what needs to be done. Signs will be posted regarding bathroom usage and social distancing.

GARDENS – Director Dent stated they are in the process of forming a garden committee.

HOCKEY – Liaison Armelino absent, no report.

LACROSSE – Liaison Garb stated that the Club teams are playing out of town.

MBSA – Liaison Kirchner questioned if signage for the bathrooms is adequate or if someone is needed to monitor the door. There is a suggestion by the BOH that they try to play the same kids to reduce exposure but if outside teams are playing in town they would have to sign the township waiver.

SOCCER ASSOCIATION – Liaison Maggiore absent, no report.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – Liaison Cook absent, no report.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Commissioner Manfra, seconded by Commissioner Hill, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Johansen, Secretary

Reviewed by Lori Dent, Recreation Director 8/14/20