

Bernardsville Recreation Committee
May 12th, 2020 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bernardsville Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 on Zoom. Ted Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance was: William DeMilt, Ted Dolan, Heather Eich, Luara Hartnett, Melissa Provost, Al Schaufler, Robert Steinkopf, Andrew Taylor, Council Liason Jena McCreddie and staff member Neil Mastrobuono

Absent was: Joe Lukacs, Steve Reynolds, Louis Romano and Peg Trinter

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were approved by Al Schaufler and seconded by Melissa Provost

OPEN SESSION:

Ed Tsuzuki, Swim Team Coach- outlined contingency plans for the swim team if there is not a swim league. Contingency plans for the adult swim clinic are also in place.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECREATION DIRECTOR/CORRESPONDENCE:

Neil Mastrobuono reported on the Directors Report about recreation programs, pool and administration:

- New Online Programs Coming Soon:
 - Chair Yoga Online with Carrie Foster
 - Yoga Basics Online with Carrie Foster
 - Kids Yoga and Mindfulness Online with Carrie Foster
- Online Programs Offered:
 - Young Rembrandts: Power of Drawing Online
 - Active Mind, Active Body Online with Leslie O'Connor- CANCELLED
 - Hand Sewing: Desserts and Donuts Online with Fairy Tale Inc
 - Virtual STEAM Enrichment with Challenge Island
- Recreation Updates:
 - The "Let's Play" after school enrichment program has been cancelled due to social distancing being extended to June 5th.
 - Gretchen Dempsey, Superintendent of SHSD, has been contacted on Tuesday, May 5th and a decision has not been made if the schools will be available for camp this summer.
 - Plans are being made if the schools should not be available.
 - Going to work with SHSD to use outdoor bathrooms and possibly get into BES or BMS gyms if there is inclement weather.
 - Registration for summer camps are currently on hold.
 - Summer camp staff has been contacted.
 - A letter was emailed, posted on the Borough Recreation website page and posted on the Recreation Department Facebook page regarding registration.
- Memorial Day Update:

- A small ceremony will be held on Memorial Day. The Recreation Department will video the ceremony and post it on the Borough website, the Borough Recreation Department Facebook page and it will be emailed out through Community Pass.
- The Recreation Department has asked residents to send videos of themselves and/or their children thanking the veterans for the service. All the videos submitted will be put into one video that will be posted on the Borough website, the Borough Recreation Department Facebook page and it will be emailed out through Community Pass.
- Pool Updates:
 - Registration is currently on hold.
 - A letter was emailed, posted on the Borough Recreation website page and posted on the Recreation Department Facebook page regarding registration.
 - Only a handful of residents have reached out asking about the pool opening and registration.
 - A handful of lifeguards have submitted their availability calendars.
 - Pool contractors and the Borough Public Works Department have been contacted and will continue to be notified when work can begin at the pool.
 - More to be discussed during Items of Business.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Andrew Taylor reported on the financial report that revenue is down \$241,000 from 2019 due to summer camp and pool registration being on hold. Expenses are up \$2,000 from 2019.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- a. Pool Opening Recommendation- The committee has voted to keep the pool opening on hold until guidelines are released from the state. A subcommittee will put together guidelines for managing the pool once the state guidelines are released. Ted Dolan, Lauara Hartnett, Al Schaufler and Neil Mastrobuono will form the subcommittee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Pool Rules & Regulations- The pool rules and regulations have been updated and will be sent to the group for comments. Jack will receive the rules and regulations for proper language and the Council will need to approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Tennis Courts- Ted Dolan reported that Chester and Bernards Township have opened their tennis courts for singles only. The SHSD has listed the tennis courts as closed on their website. Council has discussed opening the tennis courts at the May 11th meeting. Neil Mastrobuono will reach out to the SHSD about opening the tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Ted Dolan at 8:05pm