

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall

Attendees: Theresa Miller, Dan Posternock, Jack Guerin, Candace Coleman, Cindy Solomon, Diane Doherty, Sara Wantrobski, Joe Horowitz, Lenny Wagner, Tamara Johns, Chris Schaffer, Jack Dunne, and Raghav Akula.

Absent: Mark Villanueva, Jake VanDyken, Cindy Snyder, Amy Gravenstine and Sal Petriello

1. Chairman – Dan Posternock – minutes from April meeting were approved with no changes.
2. Chairman’s Report - Theresa thanked everyone for participating in Moorestown Day. Ideas for next year include bringing a large recycle bin and visuals to better explain our message. T-shirts and Wegmans bags were very popular handouts.
3. Committee Reports:
 - Teens – Café Live went well and they are planning another one. Teens will be volunteering at the SLBC Kayak Race. Sara worked with a group of volunteers and STEM removing invasive plants at Pompeston Creek.
 - SpEAC – no updates
 - Moor Arts – Candace said the summer concert series is starting and the concert held at Perkins on 6/6 went well.
 - First Quarter Subcommittee – Sustainable Energy – no updates per Chris.
 - Second Quarter Subcommittee – Single Use Plastics – Moorestown Day event concluded per Lenny.
 - Third Quarter Sustainable Food – Tamara is coordinating with Toni Farmer to schedule dates that Toni will teach composting at the Rec camps this summer. They may also make plans to have Toni teach composting to the senior citizens this fall.
 - Other Updates - Tamara would like to coordinate with Kahra Buss at Perkins to create some art projects or programs for the senior citizens.
 - Jack Guerin is contacting St. Joe’s Prep students about getting involved in a variety of township events and volunteer opportunities.
4. Director’s Report – Theresa Miller – Pryor Park has two new scoreboards that were donated by the foundation set up in memory of Jack Hannon.
 - The theme of this year’s Memorial Day Ceremony was the Viet Nam War and there was an excellent speaker on this topic at the event.
 - Open gym has been replaced by a new basketball program with professional referees coaching and guiding the kids. Each day is designated for a different age group and this program has been working out very well. There are 22-25 kids per hour and a half session. There is a \$5 fee to play but there is a scholarship fund for anyone who cannot afford that. This program will continue until 6/16/22 and then will start again in September.
 - Summer basketball leagues will continue to be held at Maple Dawson Park this summer.
 - Meet Up and Team Reach are two online sites that have been taking reservations for Moorestown’s tennis and pickleball courts without the authorization of the Parks and Rec Department. Theresa has reached out to these groups and asked them to discontinue this immediately. Signs will be put up at the courts and Theresa is asking all RAC members to please

spread the word that the courts are on a first come first served basis and these reservation sites are not part of the department. This is also explained on the Parks and Rec website and Facebook page.

Summer camp registration has been going well. There are still some spots available for the Roberts School camp. In addition to the general camps there are theatre camps, special needs camps and a variety of one week specialty camps.

5. Board of Education Update – from Mark Villanueva and read by Theresa Miller. MHS graduation is Friday 6/17 and Project Graduation is still in need of volunteers. Contract negotiations are ongoing with the Teachers’ Union. The BOE is evaluating school security in the district.
6. New Business – Dan and Theresa reviewed a letter from a resident who is asking for improvements to be made to the Dog Park on Westfield Road. Discussed were solar panels, a wind block, trees for shade and cooling options. The writer also suggested dogs be permitted in the Moorestown Mall. A lively discussion of all of these suggestions and more ensued. See Dan Posternock’s email to the RAC group dated 6/8/22 for his realistic response.
Two playgrounds have some new equipment that was donated to honor local residents who passed away. The slabs seen at Strawbridge Lake Park and other locations are for benches that are being refurbished.

Theresa encouraged everyone who does not already have one to open a Rec Department account so they can receive emails and updated directly from the Parks and Rec Department. Raghav and Sara concluded their time on the Recreation Advisory Committee and were thanked and asked to continue to participate in all of the activities that they have been a part of. Theresa will be here all summer should anyone need her (she said with enthusiasm...)

The next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.