In attendance: Ned Panfile, Dianne Ackerman, Tim McChesney & Bruce DiBisceglie (dept chair).

Steve Andrew (councilman). Lucie Antonius & Colleen O’Mahoney (student representatives)

Heather Doyle & Sophia Bulanov (invited guest presenters)

1. **Communications**
   1. The January 2020 Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Minutes will be posted to the Mendham Borough website as approved.
   2. Communications:
      * 1. Bruce received an email from Bristol Jewell (Hilltop School) approving Day Camp shelter usage for summer 2020.
           1. Bruce & Robin Kline submitted Proof of Insurance to Hilltop to secure reservation.
        2. Bruce received an email from Liz Smith (St Mark’s Episcopal Church) approving Day Camp shelter usage for summer 2020
        3. Bruce received Food Truck Festival banner approval from Morris County. Forwarded to Robin Kline.
   3. Meetings:
      * 1. On February 12th Bruce & Steve attended the Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
           1. Steve reported that:

The Mendhams community booklet is in production with a street date of April 1.

DPW has repaired the light pole and netting at the First Responders Turf Court.

The Food Truck Festival has been confirmed for October 3, 2020 (11a-7p). It will be cross-promoted in conjunction with the Oct 3rd Harvest Hustle (7a-11a).

1. **2020 Recreation Booklet**
   * 1. Bruce has contacted booklet contributors and has submitted the first draft of The Mendhams 2020 booklet to Hawk Graphics.
        1. The cover has been updated, proofed, edited, re-submitted and approved.
        2. The 32-page text has been updated and submitted. Bruce is in process of proofing the 1st copy from Hawk Graphics.
        3. Bruce has added two new sections: Mendham Business Association members listing, and Morris County Human Service contact information for crisis counseling, detoxification services, mental health support, and self-help information.
        4. 1,800 hard copies have been requested for printing from Hawk (the Township only needs a pdf as they chose to go 100% digital). Diane commented that the hardcopy is preferred and more easily accessible in Borough resident homes.
        5. Steve submitted to changes to the Pastime Club text. Bruce will process during the proofing process.
        6. Bruce will order the mailing labels for all Mendham Borough residents from Vital Computer Resources Inc by March 8.
        7. The booklet is still on target for an April 1, 2020 street date.
2. **Field/Facility Status**
   * + 1. Ned reported on the beginning of reconstruction of the Borough Park tennis courts. The old courts have been excavated and grounds are being prepared for the two new courts.
       2. Bruce reported on the progress of Botti Pavilion. The structure has been framed and walls are being completed.
       3. Tim requested reservation time at First Responders Turf Courts on Sundays from 2-5pm for Chester/Mendham Lacrosse
       4. Bruce will coordinate time with Simon Moores for one night a week Recreation open play at the FRTCs with the intent of open play / unstructured time usage for residents.
3. **Day Camp**
   1. Applications for summer staff are being received as the hiring window opened on Jan 1 and will close Feb 29. Originally Bruce has stated that deadline would be close of business (4:30pm) on Feb 29. Bruce amended this to Feb 29, 6pm, has he will be at the Bowers Building to receive last-minute applications.
   2. Bruce added that he would do the same for the last day of Early camper registration on Friday, May 29th
      * 1. All registrations must be received by Sunday May 31st for Early Registration to apply.
        2. Postmarks for Saturday May 30th will be accepted as early registration.

**Day Camp (continued)**

* + - 1. Any camper registration received on Monday, June 1, including postmarks, will be subject to Regular Registration pricing.
      2. Early registration price is $79/week. Regular Registration pricing (June 1-23) is $99/wk. Walk-up registration (on site only) will be $119 beginning June 26.
      3. Walk-Up Registration will be accepted at the Carriage House only, not the Bowers Building.
  1. Bruce described the new Counselor Pay Scale which was a result of the mandatory 2020 NJ state minimum wage increase for summer employees ($10.30/hr starting pay). The new pay tiers will be based on career hours worked, *multiplied* by prior performance ratings (submitted by Senior Staff as required) 80-90% progressively.
     1. Tier levels for increases are set at 64, 130, 197, 266, 336, 408, 482, 563, 634, 712 & 792.
        1. Example #1: a 2nd year counselor with **79 career hours** multiplied by an **85% rating** would equal 67. The first-tier increase is at 64, thereby this counselor would be due $10.58/hr (capped at 3%).
        2. Example #2: a 2nd year counselor with **82 career hours** multiplied by a **74% rating** would equal 61. The first-tier increase is at 64, this counselor would not be due a tier increase and would make $10.30.
        3. Bruce emailed this to 2019 counselors. Lucie & Colleen confirmed receipt.
  2. After looking at all options with cit-e-net, digital payment / registration may not be a feasible option for 2020 as credit card payments are not possible at this time. Plans are to revisit for 2021.
  3. Bruce has been trying to contact Jeff Carter from The Club at Mendham regarding pool usage. Mr. Carter has not been returning calls, emails and texts. Additionally, Mr. Carter has been absent when Bruce visits the Club.
     1. The Day Camp has prepaid for 2020 ($1,575) to take advantage of a 10% pricing discount. If the pool is not available (which has not been confirmed), a full refund, plus interest, will be pursued by Bruce.
     2. If the Pool is not an option for 2020, a return to Brookside Beach has been ruled out and additional water features at Borough Park would be added for 2020, not to exceed the amount paid for the 2020 pool.
     3. *Again, the idea of the pool being closed to the Day Camp, is an unconfirmed rumor at this point.*

1. **Prior Business:** 
   1. The Outdoor Field Calendar is almost complete and is still on target for posting in February. This is ahead of the typical timeline of posting by mid-March.
   2. Bruce confirmed the Summer Concert schedule (Bruce has signed contracts for all acts):
      1. **June 28 White Wedding 1980s new wave pop/rock**
      2. **July 12 Kimon & the Prophets traditional blues/rock/funk**
      3. **July 26 Carnaby Street 60s British/American pop music**
      4. **Aug 2 The Harrisons modern pop/rock cover music**
      5. Dianne inquired about the status of booking Jake’s Country Rock Band. Bruce reported that he tried to connect with Entertainment by Ted Fass for the booking of Jake’s Country Rock Band. Mr. Fass did not reply in time to book before the Booklet deadline, so Kimon & The Prophets was contracted to assure entertainment on July 12. There was no indication by Ted Fass regarding the price and availability of Jake’s Country Rock Band. Bruce has contacted Ted Fass to see if a 2021 concert is a possibility (prices pending).
   3. Heather Doyle & Sophia Bulanov presented their IB plans for building a Book Share Stand in Borough Park.
      1. Heather & Sophia have identified a need to promote recreational reading for adults while at our parks.
      2. Heather & Sophia are approved for another Book Share Stand at Ralston.
      3. The pair will raise funds to cover costs on their own (donation booth at Kings, etc.).
      4. The plan is to build one stand by the covered area at the playground next to the Turf Court.
      5. Plans are to complete construction by May 2020. A long-term maintenance plan was requested by Bruce.
      6. Steve will follow-up with Robin Kline for new Council procedures for Heather & Sophia.
   4. Emily Kornick and Emily Kilroy were also invited and put on the agenda to present their ideas for a 5K run and Art Show respectively. However, they were not in attendance and did not indicate they would be absent.
2. **New Business:** 
   1. No new business was raised

***Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Garabrant Center***