In attendance: Diane Ackerman, Ned Panfile, Kevin Lanahan & Bruce DiBisceglie (Recreation Director). Steve Andrew (Councilman)

1. **Communications**
   1. The November 2021 Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved.
      1. Minutes will be posted to the Mendham Borough website.
   2. Communications:
      1. Various 2022 Field Requests
   3. Food truck brokers: MegaBite (Hoard Rosenblatt) & Stuf’d (Rebecca Mitchell)
   4. Meetings:
      1. On November 29th Steve, Bruce, Councilwoman Martin, Business Administrator Joyce Bushman and Mayor Glassner met with MegaBites to discuss food truck festival options for 2022
      2. On November 29th Steve and Bruce attended the Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
         1. Holly Trail will be on Saturday.
         2. Home Decorating will take place in December.
2. **Winter Holiday Home Decorating Contest**
   1. Bruce asked MBRC members to canvass the Borough and submit top photos to Bruce with recommendations for a winning home.
   2. The Recreation Department will be purchasing Mendham Dollars from Bob Diffin for the winning home.
3. **2021 Staffing** 
   1. Stephanie Fourie and Dianne Ackerman, whose terms both expire on Dec 31, 2021, let Bruce know that they wish to remain on the committee, each for another three-year term through Dec 31, 2024.
   2. Bud Murphy may have retired from the MBRC. Bruce and Bud have not been able to connect about 2022-25.
   3. It is recommended that Tim McChesney’s position as Alternate 1 be changed to Regular Member status to replace Bud Murphy. Tim’s term will still run through Dec 31, 2022.
   4. The position of Alternate #1 with an expiration term date of Dec 31, 2024 would now be vacant. Mayor Glassner has identified a potential resident for this vacancy.
   5. The position of Alternate #2 with an expiration term date of Dec 31, 2023 remains vacant.
   6. James Fourie has accepted the role of Student Representative – Senior, through Dec 31, 2022.
   7. The role of Junior Student Representative through Dec 31, 2022 is now vacant.
4. **Prior Business**
   1. Bruce has submitted for the 2022 Municipal Alliance Grant
      1. Recreation is expected to receive $800
      2. The DPW has closed the tennis courts for the winter (as scheduled) Nov 30. The courts will re-open in the spring of 2022.
   2. Field Allotment status
      1. Recreation outdoor facility requests is now conducted completely online. Paper requests have been discontinued.
      2. Bruce has almost all outdoor facilities requests for 2022 (Borough, Mountainview School, HSA, NJ Tribe baseball, St Joseph’s, Gran Fondo, Men’s Softball, Twin Boro Bears, Lacrosse & Baseball, Pastime Club. Only regular requests missing are the West Morris Soccer Club, and the Pastime A’s.
      3. Bruce will construct the 2022 indoor and outdoor schedules in January and will post to the Borough website.
5. **New Business:** 
   1. 2022 Recreational Booklet
      1. A discussion took place to see if the booklet is still an effective means of communication.
      2. While digital is in place and preferred, the MBRC felt that the booklet was still useful.
      3. Bruce will collect booklet updates, publish the booklet, and distribute to all Borough residents by April 1, 2022.
   2. 2022 Events:
      1. The committee is reviewing the feasibility of keeping two movie showings in the summer.
         1. Despite the rise in attendance of almost 30% for most Recreation events (Day Camp, Concerts, Parades, etc.), Movie attendance has dropped off considerably in recent years.
            1. The committee felt that with the choices people have with getting movies at home and on their phones, the desire for public movies is declining and will continue to do so.
            2. The 2021 movies averaged 47 people per event, with a cost of approximately $1,230.

This equates to over triple the cost per person for movies versus concerts.

$8.79/person/movie compared to $2.94/person/concert.

* + 1. Concerts
       1. Bruce has confirmed *Kimon & the Prophets* for Sunday, June 26, 2022. Gina Petro will be approached as an opening act as she was rained out in 2021.
       2. Bruce has confirmed *Carnaby Street* for Sunday, July 10, 2022, and is recommending a $200 increase for Carnaby. The band has been playing for $800 for 20 years without and increase and asked for the raise for this year.
       3. Negotiations are ongoing for other concerts.
          1. The Harrisons and 80s Airwaves are in consideration for summer gazebo shows.

A fifth summer concert will be considered to replace a movie if Recreation decides to have only the Drive-In and not the field movie event.

* + - * 1. The Altman Brothers are in consideration for Labor Day
        2. Cats & Dogs and/or Rob Trout are in consideration for the Oct 15 Food Event.
    1. The Food Truck Festival is projected for October 15, 2022
       1. Steve’s committee decided to use Stuf’d instead of MegaBite! for 2022.
       2. Bruce spoke to Rebecca Mitchel from Stuf’d about brokering eight trucks for Oct 15.
       3. Dianne made a recommendation to promote the event as “A Taste of Mendham” as the MBRC will actively incorporate local food establishments again.
       4. The MBFD may coordinate the beer garden.
       5. DPW may coordinate fencing, port-o-johns and dumpsters.

***Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 20th, 2022, at the Garabrant Center***