******BOROUGH OF MENDHAM MEETING OF THE**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 28, 2025, 7:30PM**

**GARABRANT CENTER, 4 WILSON ST., MENDHAM NJ**

In attendance: Dianne Ackerman (Chair), Rob D’urso, Kevin Lanahan, Joe Carangelo, Matt Bruin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved for May 2025 meeting

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

* 1. Summer Events and Camp Recap
     1. Summer Concert Series
        1. Carnaby Street (June 29): Estimated 180 attendees, Country Comfort (July 13): Estimated 200 attendees (July 20), Catz N’ Dawgz: Estimated 250 attendees, This Old Engine (August 10): Estimated 400+ attendees
           1. Sapori D’Italia attended 3 concerts and sold over 100 pizzas at the final concert
           2. Discussion of bringing back most of the same bands with positive feedback. Consideration of the costs of bands was discussed.
     2. Summer Family Game Nights
        1. On average about 25 people attended both events.
     3. Botti Pavilion
        1. Discussion of the rental process for the pavilion/ Borough facilities. Suggestion of charging a fee/deposit to use Borough facilities for events.
     4. Summer Drive-In Movie
        1. Movie rescheduled from July 31 to August 8th due to weather. Estimated 70 attendees, about 15 cars. Good feedback about the movie.
     5. Summer Day Camp Breakdown
        1. 336 submissions, 272 campers registered, receivables 2025: $93,299
           1. 2025 in-season registrations: 73
           2. 2024 in-season registrations: 55
  2. Labor Day 2025
     1. As of Thursday, there will be about 49 groups, dignitaries, and drivers in the parade.
     2. Arrival times and set-up will be the same as in past years.
  3. Fall/Winter 2025 Events: Mendham Fest
  4. Suggestion of using a local band with members of Mendham High School to perform at Mendham Fest.
  5. Mendham Messenger and New Homeowners Welcome Packet Discussion
     1. Discussion about the digitization process of the Mendham Messenger. A few options were discussed: Predetermined events go on physical copies and send out to homes, while Mayors Message and newer information go into digital copy; Opt-in options for digital copy or physical copies; Digital and print physical copies for people to pick up at town hall, library, schools, etc. then slowly phase out of physical copies.
  6. Communications
     1. Idea of using the permanent sign on the baseball field at Boro Park to put more messages up.