In attendance: Tim McChesney, Bud Murphy, Stephanie Fourie, Dianne Ackerman & Bruce DiBisceglie (dept chair).

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

1. **Communications**
   1. The December 2019 Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Minutes and agendas will be posted to the Mendham Borough website as approved.
   2. Communications:
      * 1. Bruce received an email from Emily Kornick, regarding a potential 5K run.
           1. Objective: to assist with awareness, grief and recovery assistance associated with emotional events of December 31st and January 1st in Mendham Borough.
           2. Bruce invited Emily to a MBRC meeting for assistance with organization.
           3. Bruce has spoken with Mayor Glassner about coordinating assistance from Morris County for the residents of Mendham who are in need. Can offer locations for discussions.
        2. Bruce received an email from Emily Kilroy, a junior from Mendham HS, regarding a service project for the school’s IB program.
           1. Objective: to address mental health issues
           2. Project name: “Be Kind”
           3. Project: to create wooden murals to promote topics from recycling to world peace
   3. Meetings:
      * 1. On January 3rd Bruce & Steve attended the Reorganization meeting
           1. Recreation items were not discussed, except that Steve Andrew will remain liaison to Recreation with assistance from Brennan Reilly and Mary Sue Martin.
2. **2020 Staffing**
   1. Bruce welcomed our two new student representatives:
      1. Lucie Antonius (MHS Class of ’21) will serve a one-year term which will expire on Dec 31, 2020.
      2. Colleen O’Mahoney (MHS Class of ‘22) will serve a two-year term which expires Dec 31, 2021.
3. **2020 Recreation Booklet**
   1. Bruce is creating the first draft and is in the process of contacting all 2019 contributors
   2. Bruce has contacted David Guida from Mendham Township for annual assistance but has not received any reply after three tries. He has reached out to other Mendham Twp officials for help.
   3. Street date is projected to be April 1st and Hawk Graphics will remain as our printing company.
   4. Bruce asked all MBRC members to review the 2019 booklet for accuracy going forward.
4. **Day Camp**
   1. Applications for summer staff are being received as the hiring window opened on Jan 1 and will close Feb 29 promptly with close of business at 4:30pm.
   2. Directors are all in place (Kristel Gallagher, Camp Director; Jenifer McManus, Assistant Director; Kyle Wiggins, Medical Director; Natalie Greco, Art Director and Ryan Patton, Director in Training)
   3. Due to the mandatory state increase of the Minimum Wage, camper fees may increase by $5 per week to offset an increase in salary expenses.
   4. A suggestion was to include digital payment options through Square, PayPal, etc.
      1. Note: wi-fi is being installed at the Carriage House.
   5. The increased service fee costs (~ 1%) could be absorbed within the potential $5 increase.
5. **Field/Facility Status**
   * 1. Construction of the facility at Botti Park (formerly West Field) has begun. A question arose about costs to the taxpayers. Bruce replied that the pavilion was financed with a private donation from John Botti.
     2. DPW has repaired the fallen light pole at the Turf Court and re-mounted the safety nets.
     3. Effective for 2020 and going forward, Bruce will assume all responsibilities for reservations of the Garabrant, Bowers, Phoenix and Carriage House buildings.
        1. All forms have been updated on the Borough website.
        2. The 2020 Indoor Facilities Calendar has been completed and posted.
        3. The Outdoor Field Calendar is targeted for posting in February.
6. **Prior Business:** 
   1. Bruce thanked all committee members for quick responses that resulted in a seamless transition of the Food Truck & Music Festival (FTMF) from May 31st to October 3rd.
      1. Bruce has coordinated with Steve McLaud (Harvest Hustle) to co-promote the Harvest Hustle on Oct 3rd from 7a-11a and the FTMF from 11a-7p on the same day. Both Bruce and Steve were excited about the possibilities.
      2. Holly Trail was a success with approximately 200 people in attendance. Recreation distributed 500 donut munchkins and 10 gallons of hot cocoa. The new PA system was successfully used for background holiday music and wireless microphones for the announcers.
   2. The movies for 2020 will be Spy Kids 3D (with 3D glasses) on July 8th and Incredibles (in concert with the Day Camp’s “Night Out event) as a Drive-In on August 5th.
7. **New Business:** 
   1. It was recommended to look into padding and signage for the new Gaga Pit
   2. The MBRC discussed Emily Kornick’s idea. Emily was not present, but a few thoughts were tabled
      1. The consensus was that specific names should not be involved. Emphasis is on the cause, not a memorialization.
      2. The costs could be offset by possible food/refreshment donations by Recreation, Pastime, corporate, etc.
      3. Include therapy dogs
   3. Bruce invited Emily Kilroy to the next MBRC meeting.
   4. Bruce has applied with Morris County for a banner in Sept-Oct to promote the FTMF.
   5. 2020 Labor Day Parade ideas:
      1. Mayor Glassner and B.A. Joyce Bushman suggested a commemorative float in the Parade to recognize Robinson’s Drug Store’s 150 anniversary.
      2. A “Roaring 20s” theme was suggested for the Parade to align with the new 2020 decade (throwback to 1920s)

***Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Garabrant Center***