In attendance: Ned Panfile, Diane Ackerman, Kevin Lanahan, Stephanie Florrie & Bruce DiBisceglie (dept chair).

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

Meeting held via conference call

1. **Communications**
   1. The June 2020 Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved.
      1. Minutes will be posted to the Mendham Borough website.
   2. Communications:
      1. Various basic emails regarding parade, movie, bands and food truck festival info.
      2. Bruce spoke with Rob Trout about considering moving his musical set with the Flounders from 11a-1p to 4:30p-6:30p to coincide with the revised Pastime Club event on Labor Day.
         1. Rob will reply after checking with bandmates.
         2. Steve said that this would be an extension of the Recreation concert series and would still be paid for by Recreation, not the Pastime Club. Bruce concurred as already in Recreation budget.
   3. Meetings:
      1. On July 13th Steve & Bruce met with Joyce Bushman to review the Labor Day planning progress. (see 2,a below)
      2. On July 15th Steve attended the Meeting of the Mayor and Council. Steve reported that the Labor Day planning was on track and that the concert/movie series is ongoing but has been affected by weather.
2. **Labor Day Updates**
   1. Seventy-seven invitations were sent out for the parade (Bruce has contacted all except the dignitaries, which are managed by the Borough Clerk, Robin Klein).
      1. To date, seven groups have RSVP’d yes, three declined (due to covid) and one dignitary responded yes. Rob Trout will MC at the Gazebo.
      2. Bruce will be following up with all (except dignitaries which will is managed by the Borough Clerk).
   2. Bruce received a suggestion to re-route the parade.
      1. The MBRC’s major concern was that if the parade was re-routed to include side streets, the fire truck procession would be too large for side streets and that the parade would overwhelming disruption to the neighborhood residents.
      2. Diane brainstormed about using Tempe Wick and Cold Hill as an extension.
         1. The concern there was that the stating area would be condensed and disrupted, with only a minimal extension of the parade route.
         2. Also, this would add a new component to the auto traffic flow for Police to manage, as an extension east on Tempe Wick would cut off the intersection of Cold Hill & Tempe Wick, and the use of the Cold Hill intersection could disrupt the Cold Hill alternate route for normal traffic north of East Main Street.
      3. The MBRC recommended to keep the parade route as is.
3. **Summer Events**
   1. June 28, Concert, White Wedding Band
      1. Start time was delayed from 6:30p to 6:45p due to a lightning strike at 6:15p within a 40-mile radius.
      2. The opening attendance at 6:45p was 70 people.
      3. The band was very good and well received.
      4. The concert was terminated by Bruce at 7:05 as a lightning strike was reported in Hope, NJ at 7:04p.
      5. Borough Park was cleared immediately without incident.
   2. July 1, Movie, The Incredibles
      1. Postponed due to a heavy thunderstorm during the evening
         1. The new date will be the originally advertised date of Aug 5.
   3. July 8, Movie, Spy Kids
      1. Postponed due to a 60% chance of lightning issued by NOAA for the evening.
         1. The new date will be the next available Wednesday, June 15.
   4. July 12, Concert, Kimon & the Prophets
      1. The band played their full two sets starting at 6:30p with a 10-minute break at 7:30p
      2. Opening attendance 55 people; 7:00p = 125; 7:30p = 160; 8:00 = 130 (some left during 10-minute band break); 8:30 = 125. Retention rate = 78%
   5. July 15, Movie, Spy Kids
      1. Weather, clear / low 70s. Attendance = 39 people.
         1. The MBRC suggested that the low turn out was due to residents being out of town due to the favorable weather.
   6. Remaining events:
      * 1. **Wed July 22 8:30pm Movie: Finding Nemo**
        2. *Wed July 29 8:30pm Movie: pending 7/22 attendance*
        3. **Sun Aug 2 6:30pm Concert: The Harrisons**
        4. **Wed Aug 5 8:30pm Movie: The Incredibles**
        5. **Mon Sep 7 11a or 4:30p Concert: Rob Trout & the Flounders**
   7. The addition of Finding Nemo will cost $425 in licensing fees. This cost will be offset by the money not spent on Carnaby Street who declined to play 2020 summer concerts.
   8. Diane suggested extending an invitation to an ice cream vendor for the Aug 2nd concert.
      1. Bruce will contact Mendham Creamery and JMK’s Alison Kohler for possibilities.
4. **Food Truck Festival**
   1. Initially, there was a concern about the event happening because the Oct 3rd date was not on JMK’s online calendar.
   2. Bruce contacted Alison Kohler. She confirmed that the FTF is still on for Oct 3rd and the date was on their Facebook page, but not the website. Allison added the date back to the website.
5. **Park Facilities Update**
   * 1. DPW installed a movie screen along the left field fence at Doubleday Field.
     2. Fields, playground, turf/basketball courts all open without incident.
     3. The tennis court project is progressing.
        1. Final surface has been laid out.
        2. Fencing will be returned, followed by court lining and net installation.
        3. No date has been announced for opening day, but an event for the re-opening may be considered.
6. **Prior Business**
   1. none.
7. **New Business:** 
   1. Steve shared the Pastime Club’s plan for Labor Day (all on Monday, Sept 7 only).
      1. 4:00p-9:00p at Borough Park
         1. Two bands
            1. Rob Trout 4:30-6:30p
            2. Cats & Dogs 7-9p
         2. Firework Show at 9:20p
         3. Beer Truck 5:00-9:00p
         4. Food Trucks (one or two) pending.
         5. 50/50 raffle

***Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Thursday, August 20th, 2020 at the Garabrant Center or via telecommunications.***