

Mendham Borough Recreation Committee Minutes: January 9, 2025

In attendance: Diance Ackerman (Chair), Rob R'Urso, Kevin Lanahan, Ned Panfile, Kristin Ackerman (Sr. student Representative), Joe Carangelo (Student Representative), Christine Glassner (Mayor), Matt Bruin (Councilmember, Recreation subcommittee)

1. Communications

a. Meetings attended

- i. Kristin Ackerman and Joe Carangelo received service awards at the annual Reorg meeting on January 3rd.
- ii. Stephanie Fourie received a service award for her time on the committee. It was decided that the new Vice Chair position will be voted on at the next meeting when the 2 new members are sworn in.

2. LRIG application for Botti Field Update

- a. Reviewed renderings of the Botti Field playground. Equipment includes 3 climbing BLOQXs, 3 spinners, and a 3-bay swing set. Grant application is due 1/30/25. Information has been given to grant writers to meet the deadline.
- b. Surfacing may need to be changed from PIP rubber to woodchips due to approval needed for the field.
 - i. If changed to woodchips, DPW will still be responsible for maintenance.

3. Summer Day Camp 2025

a. Hiring process

- i. Day Camp counselor applications opened on January 1st. As of 1/10/25, there have been 10 applications submitted. Feedback is positive about digitizing application form and submission process.

b. Registration

- i. Registration will open April 1 and be fully online.

c. Special Events/ Improvements

- i. Suggestion to bring past campers to the next meeting for suggestions about how to improve the Day Camp. (Rob)
 1. Aubrey will reach out to HSA about spreading the word and creating a form to fill out for feedback.
- ii. Suggestion of bringing back past activities
 1. Posting pictures weekly on website/social media for parents (Dianne)

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2. Counselor bake-off (Kristin)
 3. Participation in Labor Day Parade (Joe)
 4. Getting T-Shirts made for campers with sponsorships (Kevin)
- iii. Improving equipment (ex: new slip-n-slide, soccer balls, tetherball, Spike-ball, bean bag toss, etc.)
1. Suggestion for getting donations from companies. (Dicks Sporting Goods, Lowes, etc.)
 2. Kristin and Joe volunteer to assist in taking inventory of camp supplies.
- iv. Suggestion of taking older kids to Pastime Lanes throughout the summer with supervision of member. (Kevin)
- v. Rain Day recommendation for connecting with Mark Tosso about using the school at St. Joseph's church. (Kevin)

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