

**Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2019**  
**Approved February 3, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Anna Scanniello
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

**Members Present**

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| Charles Cunio | Debbie Nungester |
| Debbie King   | Anna Scanniello  |
| Jim Milito    |                  |
| Ned Nelson    |                  |

**Members Absent**

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| Michael Conley, Jr. | Carol Regner   |
| Joan Harris         | D. J. Salvante |
| Victor Hatala       |                |
| Goutham Puppala     |                |

**Members of the Public Present**

Ana Torres, 24 Constitution Way, Basking Ridge, NJ  
Siddartha Torres, 24 Constitution Way, Basking Ridge, NJ

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of the May 6 meeting was made by Debbie King. Seconded by Debbie Nungester. All in favor; motion passed. Minutes are approved.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. None
6. REPORTS
  - A. Programming
    - Summer Program Review - Jennifer Gander stated that all summer programs went well. Jennifer also thanked all committee members who did the introductions for this year's summer special events.
    - Fall Program Update – Sean stated that fall adult programs are in progress and running smoothly. Ant Hockey has been eliminated this fall due to low enrollments in the previous sessions. Our field hockey program has been growing in interest. Youth recreation basketball registration has begun and is open until November 10<sup>th</sup>. After that date, registration will be accepted on a space available basis.
    - Pumpkins in the Park – October 23<sup>rd</sup> – This event will be held in Dunham Park from 5:00pm – 6:30 pm. Assistance for this event is given by the Health Department RADD group and Municipal Alliance volunteers. RPP

Committee volunteers were solicited to judge the pumpkin carving contest.

- Field of Honor – In honor of Veteran’s Day, American flags will be displayed on the front lawn of the Bernards Township Municipal Building to recognize and honor veterans. Through a donation to the Community of Hope organization by the October 31, 2019 deadline, flags can be dedicated to honor specific individuals. Everyone is invited to the dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00pm at the municipal complex. Flags will be on display from approximately November 1 through 17.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Annual Facility Assessment – Committee members were reminded to email their completed facility assessments to Sean O’Grady as soon as possible. Jennifer asked the committee if there were any items that needed immediate attention so that she can contact DPW to schedule repairs. Jennifer also mentioned that the capital budget requests for the 2020 budget are currently being worked on. Committee was asked to identify any large-ticket items that were discovered during their assessment visits that may be included in the capital budget project request list.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Anna Torres asked for information on what is being done regarding teen drug abuse. Jennifer Gander responded that there are several programs run by the Bernards Township Health Department and the Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Community in Crisis. She was instructed on where to find information on these groups on the Bernards Township website.

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS – Jim Milito voiced safety concerns regarding parking in Mountain & Pleasant Valley Parks. Jennifer Gander said that this was addressed with the various team sports groups and their games are now staggered to avoid the overcrowding of the lots. Suggest use of “no parking” signs. Discussion regarding the poor condition of the water fountains. Talk of replacing the water fountains with bottle fillers.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Debbie King. Seconded by Jim Milito. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Cucinell  
Corresponding Secretary