

Bernards Township Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022
APPROVED September 12, 2022

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

Charles Cunion
Nancy D'Andrea
Victor Hatala
Debbie Nungester
Eric Price (A 7:20pm)
Goutham Puppala
Anna Scanniello
Susan Telesmanic

Members Absent

Jim Baldassare
Jim Milito

Non-members present

Jennifer Gander, Director, Parks & Recreation
Sean O'Grady – Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
Kelly Kellaway – Recording Secretary

4. **MINUTES**

- A. Approval of February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Nancy D'Andrea to approve the February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Susan Telesmanic. All in favor; minutes approved.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Request from A. Voultepsis to Reserve the Pickleball Courts for a Charity Tournament—The Committee discussed. Nancy D'Andrea noted that the Somerset County Park Commission has pickleball courts and is more suitable for hosting tournaments. No action was taken.

6. **REPORTS**

- A. Cultural Arts – Mayor's Arts Awards, Photography Contest
 - Jen Gander will email the Mayors Arts Awards nomination materials to the Committee for review and to vote. We are seeking additional submissions for the photo contest.
- B. Charter Day
 - Jen Gander is looking for volunteers to help hang artwork for the Student Art Show. Booth sales are lower than prior years. All activities and entertainment will take place from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.
- C. Spring Programs and Events
 - Sean O'Grady provided an update on spring programs and Spring into Summer week events.

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D. Summer Programs and Events

- Sean O'Grady reported that all three locations for summer rec camp are nearly full. Trip camp will not be held due to lack of staff. He updated the committee regarding the Summer Movies, Concerts, Plays in the Park and National Night Out.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Lauri Mandalay, 20 Vanderveer Drive, Basking Ridge—Representing the organization seeking to hold a non-profit fundraising pickleball tournament at Pleasant Valley Park.
- B. Angel Voultepsis, 20 Vanderveer Drive, Basking Ridge— Representing the organization seeking to hold a non-profit fundraising pickleball tournament at Pleasant Valley Park. Would like the tournament to be a fundraiser and raise awareness for mental health issues and suicide prevention.
- C. Amy Herrick, 12 Cobble Lane, Bedminster— Representing the organization, located in Bound Brook, seeking to hold a non-profit fundraising pickleball tournament at Pleasant Valley Park. Thanked volunteers seeking to bring such a special function to our area.
- D. Anna Patel, 207 Somerville Rd— We would like to request Bernards Township to install sidewalks on Somerville Road. Currently, the sidewalk ends at Stone Ridge Lane and cuts off access to dozens of homes along Somerville Road, Parkwood Lane, and Milito Way.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Annual Facility Inspections
 - Sean O'Grady explained the process for annual facility inspections by the Committee. We will review the results at the September meeting.
- B. Pickleball Court Open Play Schedule Review (Follow up from Fall 2021)
 - The Committee discussed and Anna Scanniello wanted to know if the Recreation Department had received any recent complaints or concerns regarding the pickleball court schedules. Sean O'Grady responded that we have not. The Committee decided not to allow events be held at the Pickleball courts in Pleasant Valley Park and will review the Open Court Play Schedule again if necessary.

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Nancy D'Andrea said she hoped Sommerville Rd gets a sidewalk as she had to walk the road and it is unsafe.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Debbie Nungester; seconded by Eric Price. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Kellaway
Recording Secretary