

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023
7pm at Montville Township
195 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Montville Township Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Driscoll with the following statement being read: “As required by the Open Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, which notice specified the date, time and place to the extent known at that time; the notice having been submitted to the Citizen of Morris County, Daily Record newspapers, filed in the Township Clerk’s office, as well as posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building.”

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Chairman Driscoll, Vice-Chairman Colaiacovo, Commissioners Moscone, Whiteman, Manfra, Van Koppen, Koenig and Perretta, Secretary Johansen and Director Dent.

ABSENT: Commissioner Garb (Absent Excused)

LIAISONS: MBSA Nick Marino (Present)

BRONCOS Peter Matarrazo (Absent Excused)

GARDENS Vacancy (Absent)

HOCKEY Vacancy (Absent)

LACROSSE Sean Regan (Present) ALT – Daren Colaiacovo (Present)

SOCCER Frank Maggiore (Absent Excused) ALT – John Lo Basso (Absent)

TWP COM Rich Cook (Present)

MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Perretta to approve the February 8, 2023 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Colaiacovo, all in favor by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

2023 Dates to remember – Montville Lax NJJLL Playoffs at Dawson both fields, Saturday June 3rd 5:00pm – 9pm, rain date of Sunday, June 4th 5:00pm-9:00pm. MLC Games at Dawson both fields, Sunday March 19th 9:30am-12:30pm and Sunday May 14th 9am-1pm. MSA Travel Tryouts Saturday May 6 1-5pm and Wednesday May 10th 6pm-9pm. Spring TRNY, Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th 9am-5pm Cmty Turf. MSA Memorial Day Tournament dates Saturday, May 27th and Sunday May 28th 7am-5pm Community Park & Camp Dawson Fields. MSA Labor Day Tournament, Saturday September 2 and Sunday September 3 7am-5pm Community Park fields. MSA Columbus Day Tournament??? MBSA opening day parade and ceremony date Saturday, April 15th, Michelle Sullivan Tournament??? Broncos Football Opening Day Ceremony dates TBD, Montville Lacrosse event to be held April 15th at Camp Dawson.

Financial Disclosures – Due now.

Coach Certification Classes – Upcoming classes are April 13, April 25, May 11, May 23, June 8 and June 20th.

New Recreation Clerk hired 0 Danielle Bogdan

OLD BUSINESS

Projects in Process

- Municipal Ball Fields – Will be done and ready for opening day. Challenger Fence will be back tomorrow. Four benches have been ordered.
- Community Park Turf Netting – Director Dent is arranging a meeting with the Administrator, two Township Committee members, Challenger Fencing, MSA members, and Recreation Commission members to review recommendations for the Community Park Turf netting/fencing improvement/repair needs.
- Camp Dawson – Quality Electric has been awarded the bid to re-lamp all of the outdoor field lights on the turf. Anticipated completion date, third week of April.
- Annual Spring Turf Deep Grooming maintenance and GMAX testing – Community Park Turf and Camp Dawson Turf is scheduled for May.

- Community Park Playground Improvements – Investigating multiple options to provide shade to different areas of the playground and adding new playground equipment.
- Multi-Purpose Building – Committee requested to suspend monthly meetings until a location has been determined. Recreation Director to provide a needs list to the Township Committee.
- 2023 Pickleball Courts – The Township is looking at property to purchase for the proposed building of 4-6 courts. Start-up funding was requested for consideration as part of the 2023 capital budget requests.
- Two Heated AED Cabinets – They have arrived and will be installed by DPW.
- Roller Hockey Rink Repairs – Engineer will work on this in the spring.
- Community Park Amphitheater Pavilion Improvement – Targeted for the summer of 2023 for the patio to be extended off the pavilion area.

Projects Completed

- Picnic Tables and Park Benches – Have been ordered to replace those needed at various parks and playground throughout town. All capital monies targeted for these items have been used in full.
- Camp Dawson Practice Area Netting – Netting has been ordered and will be shipped this week and will be hung by LAX wall is completed.
- Sport Re-bound wall – Has been installed. Montville Lacrosse Association is to propose specs for the wall design to the Township Committee for review and approval.
- SMS Security – was hired to add new door access readers and new door strikes to the existing security system at Fifth Base and MBSA batting cages. They will be back at the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC SESSION

None

LIAISON REPORTS

MBSA – Liaison Marino stated the fencing is coming along very quickly. Dugouts have been shifted. Opening day is this weekend, starting with the parade on Saturday morning. There are

388 kids signed up for the in-town program and 200 kids for travel. Hilldale and Woodmont Schools are no longer maintaining their baseball fields. He would like to maintain Woodmont School this year. The bleachers are missing from Woodmont. He asked if those bleachers were purchased by MBSA or the Town.

BRONCOS – Liaison Matarazzo absent, no report.

GARDENS – No Report

HOCKEY – No Report

LACROSSE – Liaison Regan stated there are no issues currently. Liaison Colaiacovo asked about the closing of the grass fields at Community Park. The Lacrosse girls were told that the fields are closed but soccer was using them for practice. Director Dent stated they are being lined and will be open on Thursday or Friday. She also stated that the fields usually do not open until the second week of April.

SOCCER ASSOCIATION – Liaison Maggiore absent, no report.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – Liaison Cook stated the budget is being introduced. There was a 23% increase in the State Health Benefits and an increase of \$800,000 for garbage collection.

VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Manfra to approve the February and March 2023 vouchers. Seconded by Commissioner Van Koppen. All in favor by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Commissioner Manfra, seconded by Commissioner Whiteman, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Johansen, Secretary

Reviewed by Lori Dent, Recreation Director 5/4, 2023

