

Mountain Lakes Recreation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 27, 2011, 11:00 AM

Attendees: Cindy & Randy Berenson, Heather Rubman, Greta Dhondt, Francine Bowman, Laraine & Ken King. Beverly Jacobs, as Commissioners' liaison.

- I. Follow-up on Action Items
 - a. Purchase of flat screen TV w/antenna for Community Center/Lodge use.
 - i. Ken King is to test the idea of using an antenna to be able to view basic channels.
 - b. MLD signage.
 - i. Francine offered to investigate the cost of signage for the doorway of the Community Center, and also the general signage at the beach and pool with updated information. She has again offered to provide the signs at "cost of materials" (as she has done in the past for the District).
 - ii. Discussion was also held regarding a Bulletin Board at the Lodge for the posting of notices. Laraine will check with Don Drew on the design and location of a site at the Lodge.
 - c. Survey
 - i. Heather has offered to look into various on-line survey designs to see what would best suit our needs. She will get back to the Committee with a draft survey and costs (if any).
 - d. Volunteers for Rec Committee events.
 - i. Laraine will check with Marsha to see if anyone has responded to the email letter send last month.
 - e. Tennis courts
 - i. Discussion was held on the nets and status of the tennis courts. A question was raised about the installation of a back-board. Laraine will check with Don Drew on the back-board and also on the storage container for the broom and squeegee for the courts. A request was also made for another bench. Keys need to be checked – do we have a supply on hand, and do they work in the current locks? Do we want to look into a key-pad type of lock rather than a pad-lock?
 - f. Baseball Field
 - i. Under new business, discussion was held regarding the baseball field. The Rec Committee would like to see a renewal of the family softball games. Heather offered to speak with a friend who may be willing to coach/organize some family games. The field needs some work – fresh loam, seeding, mowing, bases, etc. Laraine will check with Don Drew on status.

The discussion then progressed to the beach areas and the concerns of the “wash-out.” Beverly was asked for an update, but was not able to give much detail as this is a “work-in-progress” and meetings are on-going with the Water Department, the State, and the engineers for the re-design of the area. Several people brought concerns to the meeting from other community members regarding the lack of information available. Questions were raised on what decisions have been made, and the timetable of events. Has an informational meeting been planned? What is happening with the playground? Will the beach be sand or grass? Will we have space for the summer, especially on weekends? Time is of the essence. Are the large rocks to be relocated? Could several of the large rocks be moved to the baseball field to prevent people from driving across the field?

Laraine discussed the list of items that Don Drew has proposed for the beach this season, including a new grill (a replacement for the grill on Beach 1?), additional tables and umbrellas. We could also use a grill at the pool. This would be of great use for nite-swims and other Rec get-togethers. She will ask for an update on these purchases.

We also discussed the schedule for the Lifeguards and their orientation. Offer letters were sent to all summer support staff and they are to respond to the District by March 31st with their acceptance along with copies of their lifeguard certification, CPR certification, and Social Security cards.

Beverly was asked about the radios for the Lifeguards and she said they were stored at the District Office. The equipment will need to be located and tested before the summer season. Laraine said that a new megaphone has been purchased for Rec as the old one was broken. This came in very handy for the Winterfest, and is invaluable for the beach not only for announcements but for emergency issues.

II. Events

- a. The picnic table building and other activities scheduled for April 16th have been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- b. The Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast has been changed to a “Pot-Luck Brunch.” This was a suggestion from Greta, as we discussed the issue of the cost of the pancake breakfast and how labor-intensive it was. A flyer will be sent out encouraging people to bring breakfast items such as quiche, pastries, etc.
 - i. Heather suggested a softball game to follow the Brunch. She will contact her friend regarding organization of the event.
- c. Yard Sale
 - i. Greta and Francine suggested a yard sale to be held in the Spring. We decided that the best site may be the basketball court. They will decide on a date (tentative date is April 30th) and submit an “Event Planning Form.” Discussion was held that we could provide tables (for a fee), and that participants could set aside a portion of their profits for their favorite charity or cause, as there are several people in the area facing

serious illness. It was approved that the Rec Committee would pay for advertising in the local papers for the event.

- d. Ice Cream Sundae Social
 - i. Bev has asked for two dates (in July and August) to hold ice cream socials. The Event Planning form was submitted. She will let us know an estimated cost and submit expenses via the Expense Form.
- e. Hiking Trails Clean-up
 - i. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Lodge Hours of Operation & Rules/Regulations

- a. Several months ago the Commissioners gave a directive to the Rec Committee to develop a new set of Rules and Regulations and hours of operation for the Lodge. Cindy and Randy Berenson presented a detailed plan. Discussion was held on hours, who is entitled to rent the property, fees and other criteria. Topics were discussed in length and suggestions made by all. Beverly left the meeting before this topic was completed so we did not have her input, however, discussion continued with the final resolution that Randy would take our input and incorporate it into the final document for presentation to the Commissioners.
 - i. Concerns were raised regarding damages to the Lodge, and how deposit fees were handled.
 - ii. Signs posted on the road and at the Lodge should be removed at the end of the function/party. Should be part of the renters' cleaning obligations.
 - iii. At this time, there is no one hired for the cleaning of the Lodge, as Beverly resigned from that position at the Annual Meeting. A question was raised about the advertising of the cleaning position, and also designing a schedule. The Lodge needs to be checked/cleaned before any rental. If no one is using it, there is no reason for a weekly cleaning, however, the new cleaning person should be scheduled to come in before a rental and then after, to make sure that there are no damages to the facility, that the heat is turned down, and that all trash is removed. If any issues occur, then the security deposit would then be used by the District

- IV. A request was made for a reporting of the number of people who took advantage of our "hot chocolate" program during the winter season and also for the cost to the District for the wages and supplies.

The meeting continued with final input on the Yard Sale, the Survey, and the Summer Program.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Laraine King