

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes

Minutes for March 18, 2025, at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of Borough of Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission was held on March 18, 2025, on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by Derek Jackson, with Heather Hornyak as secretary.

2. Attendees

- Voting Members in attendance: James Aitken, Heather Hornyak, Derek Jackson, Shaun Lehrer, Mark Odenwelder, Ilaxi Rana, and Rob Wianecki
- Non-voting Members in attendance: Laurie Stepper (Recreation Director), Sara Forman (Board of Education Liaison), and Angela Tsai (Council Liaison)
- Guests in attendance: None
- Members not in attendance: David Keyt

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on February 16, 2025, was made by Derek Jackson and seconded by Mark Odenwelder.

4. Recreation Director's Report (Laurie Stepper)

- Conference attendance: the director attended the NJ Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Atlantic City from February 23-25, 2025.
- Summer staffing: summer employment applications are being processed, with interviews scheduled for late March and offers going out in early April.
- Summer program registration: registration opened March 3 for Summer Recreation Camp, Teen Adventure Camp, and the Sailing Program. High demand has resulted in several sessions filling quickly. The extended day option with USA Sports Group is proving popular, with over 20 weekly participants. An additional bus has been added to Teen Adventure Week 2 to address a significant waitlist.
- Rack and ring renewal: spots opened on March 3, with over 160 renewals received out of 460+ total spots as of March 11.
- Summer program logistics: ongoing work to finalize summer program logistics and purchase necessary supplies.
- Food Truck Fest parking: alternative parking options are being researched for the July 19 Food Truck Fest, due to the unavailability of the St. Catherine's Church parking lot.
- ML Swim and Dive Association: meetings are being held with the association to plan for the HUB Lakes Swim and Dive Championships, for which the town is the host site.
- Community events: preparations are underway for the Trout Derby and Egg Hunt, including volunteer recruitment from local high schools.

Upcoming Events

- Chair Yoga:
 - Dates: March 12, 26; April 4, 23; May 7, 21



- Time: 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM
- Location: Borough Hall
- Partner: Lakeland Hills Family YMCA
- Trout Derby Stocking:
 - Date: Friday, April 11
 - Time: 4:00 PM
 - Location: Birchwood Lake
- 62nd Trout Derby:
 - Date: Saturday, April 12
 - Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 - Location: Birchwood Lake
- Egg Hunt:
 - Date: Sunday, April 13
 - Time: 1:00 PM
 - Location: Midvale Park
- Laker 55+ Club - Fly Fishing for Beginners:
 - Date: Wednesday, April 30 (Rain date: May 14)
 - Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Location: Birchwood Lake
 - Partner: Hacklebarney Trout Unlimited
- Fireworks:
 - Date: Thursday, July 3 (Rain date: July 5)
- Movie Night:
 - Date: Wednesday, August 20
 - Location: Island Beach

5. New Business

- Outdoors Group
 - a. Resident interest expressed in forming an outdoors group.
 - b. Proposed activities: hiking at the Tourne, paddleboarding, kayaking, hiking trips.

6. Announcements

Next meeting is April 29, 2025.

7. Adjournment

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Robert Wianecki seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:30 PM.

