In attendance: Kevin Lanahan, Dianne Ackerman, Stephanie Fourie, Ned Panfile, Tim McChesney, Jennifer McManus (student representative) & Bruce DiBisceglie (dept chair).

Meeting Location: Garabrant Center

1. **Communications**
   1. May 2019 Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved.
      1. Minutes and agendas will be posted to the Mendham Borough website as approved.
   2. Communications:
      1. Bruce shared that a resident had contacted him asking to open the Day Camp a week earlier to coincide with the end of the Mendham District school year.
      2. Bruce was contacted by a resident who was not happy with the conditions of the Mountain / Park Ave tennis courts. Bruce shared the email with Joyce Bushman, Mayor Glassner, Jeff Cooper and the Borough Council.
         1. Robin Kline (Borough Municipal Clerk) spoke with Bruce about the Gaga Pit project. She has tried to contact Dylan Byrne several times to submit required paperwork by June 20. Paperwork was not submitted and Robin received no replies from the students looking to do the Gaga Pit project.
      3. Jeff Cooper has let Bruce know that:
         1. Work on the Walk of Fame will begin after the conclusion of the Catch Basin project (approx early July).
      4. Bruce was contacted by James DeMaio about the F16 fly-over on Memorial Day.
         1. Bruce & Mr. DeMaio is working towards a similar fly-over during the Labor Day Parade
      5. Eric Inglis updated Bruce about the Field Turf project. Depending on the weather, the project construction should begin by June 21st and will hopefully be completed by June 28th. The contractor has already removed the tennis posts and has begun laying down the insulation.
   3. Meetings:
      * 1. Steve & Bruce attended the Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council on May 28th
           1. The Food Truck & Music Festival Permits were officially approved under the Consent Agenda (including all ABC Social Affairs Permits).
           2. Steve reported on the progress of the Food Truck Festival and Day Camp.
        2. Steve & Bruce attended the Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council on June 12thh
           1. Steve reported that the Food Truck Festival will be held on June 15th and that the Day Camp had a successful Safety training session on June 9th.
           2. Fred Semrau reported that the Day Camp is “on top of the cutting edge and that Bruce keeps legal busy to assure compliance”. Mayor Glassner added that the Camp is doing a good job in regards to child safety.
           3. Bruce added during the Public Comment session that:

2019 Day Camp attendance is up 12% over 2018 at the same point in time (Memorial Day). While attendance is down for th & 6th grade, K-4 has shown growth which bodes well for the future.

The Field Turf project will begin the week of June 17th and will be completed by June 24th, weather permitting.

1. **Event Review**
   1. **Memorial Day Event:** 
      1. By all accounts, the Memorial Day Event was a success.
         1. John Andrews and Steve Andrew did a great job organizing the event for Recreation.
         2. There was a surprise F-16 fighter jet fly-over,
         3. There was a surprise Gold Star family (a Borough resident) in attendance.
         4. The reception at the Garabrant was well-attended.
         5. The MBRC advises that this become an annual event.
   2. **Food Truck Festival:** 
      1. By all accounts, the Festival was a success.
         1. The actual paid attendance was reportedly down by 200 people when compared to the 2018 Festival in Mendham
         2. Many people stayed much longer and bought more food.
         3. More children under the age of 10 were in attendance.
            1. These children were not included in the attendance figures as children under 10 were admitted for free.
         4. The actual unofficial attendance was over 3000 people.
         5. The grass area in front of the gazebo was full most of the day. This was not the case in 2018.
            1. The bands were a strong reason for people staying. Reports were that many people were very happy with the bands that played.

**Food Truck Festival (continued)**

* + - 1. Kevin inquired about the donations by JMK to the Borough.
         1. The Borough shares no revenue or expenses of the Festival. All money, licensing, contracts with band/vendors, etc is managed by JMK.
         2. JMK donated $1,500 to the Mendham First Aid Squad in 2018.

Bruce has confirmed that JMK is donating $1,500 to the Mendham Borough Fire Dept in 2019

* + - 1. Despite efforts to work in conjunction with Mendham Township to cross-promote the Food Truck Festival with the Patriots Path 5K, this did not materialize.
      2. It was suggested that parking be limited to only one side of Adams Place and Emery Ave as it was difficult to drive these streets with the overflow of parking.
    1. The MBRC recommends pursuing a third Food Truck Festival with JMK for 2020.

1. **Fields.**
   1. As stated in 1, c, 2, c, ii above, the Field Turf is currently being installed. Progress is subject to the poor weather during this week (with rain every day).
   2. The Gaga Pit project is on hold until a reply is received by the three high school students.
      1. The project may move forward as an Eagle Scout project to be funded in conjunction with the Mendham Borough PBA.
2. **Prior Business:** 
   1. Gaga Pit project:
      1. There has been no reply from the students that proposed the project (Dylan Byrne, Matt Kornick & Matt Cantale).
      2. Bruce contacted Dylan Byrne on June 13 asking for a site plan (overdue) and Robin Kline followed up with three attempts to reach Dylan Byrne going back to June 5th. No reply to date.
      3. The Borough has a new Application for Public Project Proposal form which has not yet been received by students.
         1. The MBRC felt that a consistent process, using the new form was a strong move forward to assure consistency and minimum requirements for this and future projects.
         2. As the paperwork was not received by the June 20 deadline, the Gaga Pit project has been shelved.
            1. The MBRC suggested this as excellent possibility for an Eagle Scout project. The Mendham Borough Police Department would be willing to assist with funding.
      4. It was also discussed that landscaping on the south and east sides of the new Multi-Use Turf Field would be an excellent project for an Eagle Scout. Additionally, the MBRC is looking to beautify and expand the seating area on the north side of the courts.
         1. Stephanie and Diane suggested adding a gateway opening to the south side of the playground to ease access to the Field Turf area. Bruce will consult with Jeff Cooper
3. **New Business:** 
   1. Opening Day Camp one week earlier:
      1. Ned said that we may get several inquiries about this. But to date, we only received the one.
      2. Jennifer shared that it is difficult to get counselors that week. Many counselors have academic and athletic obligations in August. This leaves the week between the last day of school and the start of camp as a needed break for the staff.
      3. Bruce shared that the demand for the camp is lowest in June and the highest towards the end of July and early August.
      4. Bruce also shared that the week is a buffer to absorb extensions of the school calendar due should the school exceed their allotted snow days.
      5. The MBRC’s consensus was not to move the Day Camp earlier in the year.
   2. Mountain / Park Ave tennis courts:
      1. Jeff Cooper and DPW immediately removed all weeds and repaired the tennis nets.
      2. Bruce & Jeff updated the resident on the tennis court reclamation project to completely strip and resurface the Mountain/Park courts.
      3. The Borough is actively investigating a temporary solution that would address the Mountain / Park courts from now until the reclamation (could be slated for Spring 2020).
      4. Ned & Kevin discussed the possibility of using the High School courts for the time being. Ned replied that it is not actively advertised that the High School courts can be used by residents, but it is not prohibited.
   3. Westfield:
      1. Tim asked if the benches could be adjusted to the correct angle for seating. Several benches have pitched forward to the point that benches are not suitable for sitting. Bruce will consult with Jeff Cooper.

***Next Meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, July 18th, 2019 at the Garabrant Center***