In attendance: Diane Ackerman, Stephanie Fourie, Tim McChesney, Ned Panfile, Bruce DiBisceglie (Recreation Director), and James Fourie (Senior Student Representative) Meeting held at the Garabrant Center.

1. **Communications**
   1. The Sept 16, 2021, Mendham Borough Recreation Committee (MBRC) meeting minutes were approved. Minutes will be posted to the Mendham Borough website.
   2. Communications:
      1. Food Truck Event: 537 incoming calls, text & emails from Sept 9 – Oct 2.
         1. Bruce replied to all calls regarding invitations, inquiries, and responses amongst food vendors, craft vendors, bands & sound company.
      2. Bruce worked daily Sept 16 – Oct 2 with MegaBite’s Howard Rosenblatt to co-coordinate food trucks.
         1. Howard arranged for 50% of the trucks for the FTF and is lining up potential trucks for 2022.
      3. Bruce is in contact with Home School Association’s Angie Kennedy to coordinate Harvest Hustle & FTF on same day at Borough Park.
   3. Meetings:
      1. On September 27th Steve Andrew & Bruce attended the meeting of Mayor & Council.
         1. Resolution #133-2021 was passed authorizing the Food Truck Festival for Oct 2 at Borough Park.
         2. Steve reported the Food Truck Festival on Oct 2 and Halloween movie on Oct 30 at the Garabrant Center
         3. Bruce updated the Council with status of Food Truck Festival progress (3 trucks, 2 bands and various craft vendors). Also, that the Harvest Hustle (7a-11a) and the FTF (11a-7p) is being co-promoted to take place on the same day and same location.
2. **Food Truck Festival Review**
   1. Committee members shared feedback:
      1. There were complaints from attendees about the lack of trucks. Four were not enough.
      2. Very positive response to having no permitter fencing. Attendees were free to come and go as they please.
      3. Very positive response to no $5 entry fee (all which was to go to JMK).
         1. Attendees reported spending the waived admission fee on food, crafts, and beer instead.
      4. While local vendors (Black Horse, Sorrento’s & Mendham Creamery) were very well received, the MBRC unanimously recommends keeping food trucks in addition to local vendors in 2022.
         1. The MBRC members felt that 10-15 trucks would be beneficial.
         2. Bruce reported that food trucks typically opt to go with Contractors (MegaBites, JMK, etc.) instead of individually.
         3. Stephanie & Diane recommended a hybrid of trucks and locals for next year.
      5. The event does not need to go until 7pm. Most attendees started to leave around 5pm. The estimated attendance was 1,300 for the day and there were approximately 40 by 6:30pm (approx. a 3% retention rate versus our goal of 80%).
      6. The attendance peak was around 2pm.
      7. The beer garden was too far away from the gazebo. The recommendation is to place the beer garden next to the gazebo in 2022.
   2. Bruce postponed the invitation to MegaBite for the Oct 21 MBRC meeting to Nov 18.
      1. Bruce is requesting that all involved submit questions for MegaBite by Nov 16. Bruce will forward questions to Howard so he can be prepared for the Nov 18 meeting.
      2. No questions were submitted to Bruce by Oct 19 (which prompted the rescheduling)
3. **Halloween Event**
   * 1. Borough Fire Marshal John Zaragoza recommended that the maximum capacity for the Garabrant on Oct 30 is 100 people.
     2. Diane asked if we should have advance ticket sales (with $0 fee) to get head count. The MBRC was not sure how to do this effectively at this juncture.
     3. Stephanie noted that masks be required as a safety measure and noted that the Garabrant is a Borough facility.
4. **Facility Update**
   * 1. Bruce shared a complaint by DPW that someone moved the infield dirt on Doubleday Field into left field creating a damage to the grass and need for remediation.
        1. Little League confirmed that it was a LL team/coach that may have done this
        2. Bruce communicated this to DPW.
     2. Bruce has contacted people who have booked multiple court times per day to let them know this is not acceptable.
5. **Prior Business:** 
   1. Robert Elsholz arrived to question the Borough’s decisions about altering the new tennis courts to accommodate pickleball.
      1. Bruce informed Mr. Elsholz that the MBRC is an advisory committee and cannot make unilateral decisions.
      2. Bruce did let Mr. Elsholz know that the subject has been discussed at length and content is available on the Borough website in the MBRC minutes.
      3. Bruce did share that the tennis courts are not to be altered by users and that there is a real concern about sound levels produced by pickleball exceeding 80dB to local residents.
      4. Mr. Elsholz may choose to attend a Borough Council meeting to share his view during Public Comment.

1. **New Business:** 
   1. The MBRC has two vacancies: Alternate member #2 (term expiring 12/31/23) and Junior Student Representative.

***Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Thursday, November 18th, 2021, Garabrant Center.***