

April 20, 2016 RAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Attendees: Karen Blount, Dave Carver, Colleen Castellano, Brenda Catalanello, Nino Coviello, Kathy Cowan, Tom Haralampoudis, Peter Harvey, Peter Hiscano, Dutch Holland, Tara Spagnoletti, Zach Ellis,

Regrets: Astri Baillie, Tony Gero, Ken Waer

Peter Hiscano's' March meeting minutes were approved as is. They are included at the end of this document.

## 1] Youth Sports Update

Soccer: waiting to see tryout counts. Age change in effect.

Field hockey: registration opens in May, practice August, games in Sept-October.

Basketball. Getting ready for summer league. Lights let us go late til 10, expect 120 kids. Patching cracks, new surface, new paint at basketball courts. Total cost of \$22k Split between bb program and town.

Spring track. 155 kids same as last year. New leader. 5 home, 2 away meets.

Girls LAX. First battle of borough tournament 6 towns, 14 teams. Hut open 4th grade girls. BE was cut, not lined. FP is starting their own program. Program is still struggling with outside use of fields.

Boys LAX. Lining issue just need to have better DPW communicate. Need to keep dogs off MRC and BOE fields. Zach noted that he had new signs are ready to post. Need an opening closer to back field at BE. construction there this summer may give them chance to fix fence. Billing issue with platypus. It has been identified that there are expenses incurred to cleanup afterwards of approximately \$4,000. Lisa will visit this year to evaluate and determine how best tournament and the BOE can work together.

Tom MJS: boys lax only this spring. Getting ready for next year. Try to raise money to offset costs, \$260/sport. To help reduce the total costs of approximately \$40k, considering the Raffle of a car.

Football. Quiet time. Registration is open. 50-55 kids already signed up. 8th graders get helmets w sensors. \$ 500@. When there is an impact on the sensor Buzzes to software. In preparation for this season all players are receiving a Concussion baseline.

Peter Harvey. 5/28 is opening day. Pool painted. Swim team 150-200 kids 18u. 6 towns in league, then regional meets and champs. No charge 15&up for team Swim 25 yards as young as 6.

softball; final registration 302. 54 travel players on 2 10u, 1 12u, 1 14u. invested \$11k into MJS field [fencing dugouts]. opening day parade done. completed transition to borough background check. 92 coaches approved [bkg/nays/concussion]. 159 games scheduled between now and 1st week June. struggling to schedule late 8pm games parents complaining. will be giving late time back. how do others handle?

## **2] Council Update**

MRC Cameras upgraded and in place.

## **3) Project update**

\$275,000. 250pp bleachers MRC1 and press box. Funding in place. The committee agreed to Proceed with plan. In an attempt to Try to minimize fundraising costs, it was recommended to Raise rental fees. 100/125 hour. Survey other towns

MRC softball Scoreboard Project proceeding on schedule. Scoreboard has been received by vendor. Post are being prepared for installation.

Rosedale Skating Rink Project. New irrigation in. More seeding and topsoil coming. Suggest temp fencing to keep kids, deer off. On schedule for fall. Fundraising \$5,000 goal to build fieldhouse but no formal steps yet taken to raise dollars.

B/E Field update: bid completed, irrigation in summer, remediation late summer. Fields available in fall.

Dodger fieldhouse. Lost one helper, gained a second" Ron". Developed a few possible sites. Tennis courts, hill over MRC2. Building approximately 120'x130'. 2 full size bb courts/tennis courts. (would have flooring like the Drew gym). If a team is currently studying pros/cons of both locations. Sewer is a challenge at tennis courts. To pump uphill \$20-50k. Hill is a long way from parking in bad weather.

The team still Need to figure out who needs to be shown what. And how do we make this a serious proposal? We have a rough estimate of costs associated with project. There are 3/4 vendors who do this type of work, but do we move. BOE would offer land donation and willing to do so. MBA has a commitment

All discussed the continuing unauthorized MRC Use. Dave noted he shared the recent series of emails with: his coaches. A copy of that communication follows.

On Apr 15, 2016, at 7:00 PM, Dcarver262 <[dcarver262@aol.com](mailto:dcarver262@aol.com)> wrote:

This note goes, BCC, to all Madison softball coaches.

Hi y' all. Attached are a series of emails regarding unauthorized use of the MRC complex. I'll bring this to your attention and ask that if you find yourself in a similar situation that you contact the police for resolution. The MRC complex is for the youth of Madison. If you find groups that do not meet this definition on the field or giving you a hard time during a game or practice, let our local Police Department handle the situation. The dispatcher can be reached at 973-593-3000.

If you are the last softball coach on the field any evening, please send me a text at 973-727-4582 to let me know you are finished with the fields. I will have the lights shut off.

From Dave's iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tara Taylor **Date:** April 13, 2016 at 8:02:34 AM EDT **To:** "Dachisen, Darren" <[DachisenD@rosenet.org](mailto:DachisenD@rosenet.org)>

**Subject: Re: Unauthorized Users at MRC**

Good Morning. Wanted to take a moment to thank Zach and Kevin Boone for helping last night.

I want to be clear that we are not talking about the "youth of Madison" kicking around a soccer ball on a side field. We are talking about two groups - about 9 and about 15 older guys and NON-Madison residents. For girl's lacrosse specifically on the late hours 8-10pm Tuesday and Thursday we have 12-14-year-old girls with women coaches in their young 20's who are not comfortable asking that many to leave the field.

It was clear to me last night that the non-enforcement of "permit" only usage has spread and these groups are accustomed to playing at MRC fields on a regular basis. They were clear with me that they believe it is their right to be there because we are not filling the specific field space. There is nothing more effective than Kevin Boone walking towards you to get the message delivered that a permit is required.

I think if Zach can issue a permit to these groups when our MRC fields are available - that helps bring in income - I am all for it! I know we typically let Zach know if Madison Girls lacrosse will not be using turf during our designated reserved times. Again, my sincere thanks for last night's help and any plan/help where we can get this shut down. Tara Taylor

On Apr 13, 2016, at 7:18 AM, Dachisen, Darren <[DachisenD@rosenet.org](mailto:DachisenD@rosenet.org)> wrote:

Thanks for the info Zach. I will pass this along to my Patrol Sergeants.

**From:** recreation **Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:35 PM **To:** Dachisen, Darren; **Subject:** Unauthorized Users at MRC

Chief Dachisen,

We've been having ongoing issues again this spring with unauthorized users at MRC. Groups are impeding upon the authorized rec sports and paid rental groups, and they're destroying our goals and other equipment.

I'm attaching an updated MRC schedule here. Can you please distribute this file to your officers and let them know that unauthorized groups are to be removed? We appreciate their help with this as it will go a long way toward ensuring the safety of our authorized groups.

Officer Boone was very helpful tonight in removing a couple groups who were interfering with our youth soccer and lacrosse practices. Police intervention up there goes a long way toward quelling these disputes, as they often don't extend our coaches much respect.

I'm reiterating to all of our groups to contact myself and the police if they encounter any unauthorized users that need to be removed.

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Dave shared the following information with the group as a Fyi. Environmental commission re-testing MRC runoff and discussing issues associated with crumb rubber. Details can be found in their meeting minutes at the following web address.

<http://nj-madisonborough.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/Environmental-Commission-8>

The group discussed user fees and continued the conversation from the march meeting. The original Resolution = pay fields. The group discussed three questions. Do we end user fees? Do we designate them for a specific use? Do we ensure its held for reskinning? The consensus and recommendation was to place the user fees directly into the recreation budget. Place the responsibility for the management of these funds with the recreation director

It was noted that the long term capital plan has 3.2mm in 2029 for MRC. This is equal to the original cost that of the facility. This seems to be too far away and too expensive as a placeholder for the reskinning of the complex.

#### **4] RAC Master Plan Update.**

My first draft of this plan is attached. Your edits and comments are encouraged and Appreciated. I am not sure if I'm happy with the organization and would appreciate guidance on how to tie this together more effectively. We also never received any look forwards from football or baseball and would like to add that to make this a more complete document. Thanks for your patience.

#### **5] MAF Update**

No update.



Boys lax, reg closed at 200. All new uniforms this year. Two new goals and six nets together with girls lax. Practice for beg. Of March.

295 softball registered.

150 for Spring Track. Hosting 4-5 meets.

Project updates. Bleachers. 250 seats are 200k plus 75 k for press box.

Open space, Astri suggests ten percent to be raised in good faith, from every sport using it, borough would be very responsive, and open space would push it to council.

Nino said could be raised with raffle. Raffle should be named "bleacher " raffle, for better sales. A more tangible target.

Discussion of 50\$ ticket v \$100. Might be an easier sell. Approach grandparents as they need a place to sit.

Ice rink to be seeded in March, hopefully by summer will be grass. Fall definite.

Lucy d. Expansion: Steve cabolla says he's putting together quote.

Ice rink hut project, still collecting money. Handled by parks, Cathy Coultas. Needs 501c3 to hold money.