

Minutes

January 21, 2026 - Recreation Commission Meeting

1. **Attendees:** Carolyn George, Sean McDonnell, Michael D'Aquila, Mark Dahn
 - Absent: Ed Kingsley
 - No quorum

2. Official meeting start: 6:40 pm

3. December Meeting Minutes Approval – deferred until February meeting (no quorum)

4. December Financials Approval – deferred until February meeting (no quorum)

5. **Fields & Parks:**
 - Sean to submit Snyder Park field request to Union County on behalf of Rebels Lacrosse Club.
 - Field request submitted on behalf of CMS baseball to use Snyder baseball field in the event that Floyd Taylor field is not available due to construction.

6. **Tennis/Pickleball:**
 - Working with Community Pass to collect non-permit holder fees
 - Discussed ways to check permits at the Tom Barton courts in lieu of volunteer checkers.
 - Lower Court refurbishment
 - Working to re-scope/apply for grant money.
 - Waiting on quotation from Courts Unlimited
 - Received a quotation from Compano Fencing
 - Water fountain/filling station
 - Get updated quotation/lead time.
 - Discussed funding purchase and installation through rec trust fund.

7. **Grants:**
 - Discuss rescoping remaining (≈\$8,000) of the 2020 Union County Kids Rec Grant for repair of Lower Columbia Playground equipment.
 - Sean will verify use of the 2024 Union County Kids Rec Grant.
 - 2025 Union County Kids Rec Grant to be used for shade structures at Memorial Park playground if canopies at Lower Columbia are covered by the field project.

8. Tom Barton Scholarship:

- Scholarship is being administered by “Friends of Berkeley Heights Recreation”.

9. Summer Playground Camp:

- Working with Community Pass to collect lunch fees
- Working with finance department to establish procedure for sale of drinks/candy/ice cream. May need to purchase a cash register.

10. Miscellaneous:

- Sean to follow up with Mayor Devanney about new commissioner approval – Steve Hughes and Ryan Larsen.
- Identify potential commissioners for last open position.
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Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 made by Mike D’Aquila. Second made by Mark Dahn.