

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 3, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE RECREATION CENTER.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notification regarding the date, time and location of this meeting was submitted to the Bergen Record and Ridgewood News and posted in Borough Hall.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified everyone present that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit signs above the door and exit calmly.

Open Session:

I Call to Order

Presiding Officer Dave Rector called the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

II Roll Call: Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Afrim Hoxha, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Anthony Gismonde, Suzanne Smith, Willie Ortiz, and Council liaison Brian Downing

Absentee: Dave Cannici

III Approval of February 18, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Afrim Hoxha, Seconded by Willie Ortiz, that the February 18, 2016 Minutes be approved as written.

IV Candidates for Open Commission Position

Gerry Falotico mentioned that Mark Sterinsky, a baseball coach for Northern Valley Regional High School, may be interested in the open commission position.

V Summer Kick-Off Event

Presiding Officer Dave Rector assigned duties to the Recreation Commission members for the summer kick-off event. Dave Cannici and Steve Carmosino will work on the dates of the event. The members will coordinate with the Board of Education and Emerson Baseball to finalize dates.

The Recreation Commission is interested in having information tables. A commercial organization, a representative discussing sports, and donation table, or similar, could occupy the booths.

Suzanne Smith and Afrim Hoxha will be coordinating and budgeting for the Town Picnic.

All recreation liaisons could meet with each sport board to have more activity on the field.

The bids for the fireworks event has to be received on April 7 and the vendor will be chosen April 14.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector will schedule meetings with the Police Chief, Fire Official, Ambulance Corps and DPW Superintendent.

The contract will be reviewed by the Borough Administrator and Vozza Agency insurance carrier.

Recreation assistant Peggy Di Lello will complete all insurance requirements and coordinate with Presiding Officer Dave Rector.

Gerry Falotico will be assigned the DJ. The audio system will be Willie Ortiz' responsibility.

Willie Ortiz has offered to update the solicitation letter for fundraising.

All Recreation Commission members will be soliciting contributions from local organizations. Businesses and individuals who donate to the fireworks event will have their logo on a banner.

MRC Medical Communications will provide support for the design of the street banners. Afrim Hoxha will contact John Lacey regarding printing, and the Department of Municipal Services will hang the banners up.

VI Charity Softball

- Approval
- Dates

The Recreation Commission approved the Charity Softball tournament and will provide them with a definite date.

VII 4th & 5th Grade Dance

The social dance will be held at the Church of Assumption's auditorium on Saturday, March 12. Brian Downing's wife is making chicken fingers and pasta, and Afrim Hoxha will be donating bottled water. The parents will supply snacks for the children.

VIII Lightning Detection System

- New Instructions

The lightning detection system instructions will be amended to instruct players to leave the field when they hear the signal. It will be posted on the sign and included on the facility form.

IX Executive Committee Meeting

- New Date(s)

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5.

X Easter Egg Hunt

- Date(s)

Steve Carmosino will contact the baseball board to inquire if March 19 will be approved for the Easter Egg Hunt at Hillman Field.

XI Sport-by-Sport Review – Liaisons

Soccer – Soccer has not had a meeting since February.

Baseball - The baseball board ordered their uniforms. They are considering a multi-town homerun derby.

Softball – The softball board had a meeting on February 29. They are working out field usage with soccer, as they will be having tryouts and need the field on Saturdays.

Summer Recreation - There is no update on summer recreation.

Summer Hoops – There is no update on summer hoops.

Football - The football board has not had a meeting since February. There are two new cheerleading coaches. Football is interested in distributing a newsletter at registration explaining their program.

Wrestling – The wrestling dinner will be held on March 23. Wrestling board will have their information on database shortly.

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters exempt from the public was Moved by Afrim Hoxha and Seconded by Willie Ortiz.

XII Closed Session
- Soccer Situation

Dave Rector read the Borough Administrator's response to a letter from a coach's attorney regarding formal warning to his client.

Motion by Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Seconded by Afrim Hoxha, that the Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Di Lello".

Margaret Di Lello
Recreation Secretary