

**Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2015**  
**7:30PM Emerson Recreation Center**

**I     Open Session**

**II     Youth Dance**

- Review
- Suggestions

**III    Fireworks**

- Fireworks Fundraising Line Item Review

**IV    Secondary Event**

- Charity/Celebrity Softball
- All-Sports Olympics
- Concert

**V     Fields Scheduling**

- Baseball Schedule
- Letter Review

**VI    Sport-by-Sport Review**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON APRIL 2, 2015 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.

Members Present: Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Afrim Hoxha, David Cannici, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Aram Aramian, Anthony Gismonde and Mayor Louis Lamatina

Absentee: Lenny Fabiano

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified the Recreation Commission members that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors and exit calmly.

The meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum in attendance.

**I Open Session**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified the Recreation Commission members that no one will be in attendance for Open Session.

**II Youth Dance**

- Review
- Suggestions

Thirty-Five children attended the youth dance; twenty ninth graders, five eighth graders and ten seventh graders. There was plenty of food and parents bought potato chips, candy and beverages. A Recreation Commission's wife made pasta and took pictures to be put on the Shutterfly website. A resident donated his time as a DJ. The children were well-behaved and the ninth graders danced most of the night.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the Recreation Commission should do the youth dance again with more volunteers. The parents suggested that third and fourth graders be included in the event. One suggestion is that the youth dance could be held in the winter when no activities are going on. Another suggestion is to have the event in the summer with a dance band.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector thanked Mayor Lamatina for offering his support toward the youth dance event.

### **III Fireworks**

- Fireworks Fundraising Line Item Review

Presiding Officer Dave Rector discussed the fundraising progress chart with the Recreation Commission. The members have started to collect donations from individuals and businesses who have contributed in the past.

### **IV Secondary Event**

- Charity/Celebrity Softball
- All-Sports Olympics
- Concert

The Recreation Commission discussed having a Charity/Celebrity Softball tournament as a secondary event. The tournament would be a fundraiser for a family in need.

Another idea for a secondary event would be to have an All-Sports Olympics. The Commission would promote the event and volunteers would be needed on the field for ninety (90) minutes. Recreation Commission liaisons will speak to their sports boards and ask if they are interested.

Another suggestion is that if recreation does not have Charity/Celebrity Softball or All-Sports Olympics, there could be a town picnic, concert and fireworks event. Recreation could raise money at the town picnic for a needy family.

The Recreation Commission voted unanimously that the town picnic, concert and fireworks be held on June 20.

### **V Fields Scheduling**

- Baseball Schedule
- Letter Review

The baseball board submitted their field schedule to the Recreation Commission. The schedule should be more precise and narrowed down, so other organizations can use the field.

A letter will be sent to the baseball board that a blanket blocking of fields does not meet with the Recreation Commission requirements. Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the baseball board needs to supply the Commission with field dates, game or practice, what teams, coaches and contact information for each time slot.

**VI Sport-by-Sport Review**

Football - Football registration will be held this month.

Soccer – The soccer board is in the process of updating their bylaws. A private trainer for soccer has agreed to sign up with the Red Bulls.

Baseball – The baseball board submitted their use of facilities to the Board of Education. Baseball will be having Opening Day on April 11. The baseball board brought in \$3,000.00 in contributions at their fundraiser.

Softball - There is nothing new to report in softball.

Wrestling – There is nothing new to report in wrestling.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Margaret Di Lello  
Recreation Assistant