Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda for Thursday, January 8, 2015

7:30 Emerson Recreation Commission

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- Football Refund Issue Update
- Baseball Presidency Situation

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON JANUARY 8, 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, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Aram Aramian, and Recreation Commission Liaison Chris Knoller.

Absentees: Lenny Fabiano and Dave Caninci

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 Reorganization – Part I

- Outgoing Member Status

Presiding Officer Dave Rector reported that Peter Weiss' term expired December 31, 2014, and he will not be returning as Recreation Commission member. Communication was also received from Marty Porcello and Paul Riker resigning from their Commission positions.

- New Members Welcome

Presiding Officer Dave Rector welcomed new members Steve Carmosino and Aram Aramian to the Recreation Commission.

- Commission Overview

Presiding Officer Dave Rector explained to the new members that the Recreation Commission oversees baseball, softball, football, soccer, wrestling, summer hoops and summer camp. The Commission guides the sports boards to ensure that they adhere to their bylaws.

- 2015 Meeting Dates

The Recreation Commission will choose an alternate date, as certain members are unable to attend the January 22, 2015 meeting.

II Open Session

- Guest Expected: Peter Weiss

Peter Weiss is unable to be at tonight's meeting and will attend in the near future to discuss various recreational issues.

III Reorganization – Part 2

- Positions/Liaisons

The Recreation Commission's sports and events liaisons for 2015 were assigned with a Roll Call vote:

Afrim Hoxha	–	Football
Lenny Fabiano	–	Wrestling
Steve Carmosino	-	Baseball
Gerry Falotico	-	Softball
Anthony Gismonde	-	Soccer

Dave Cannici will be asked to supervise the summer recreation program. The position of fields will be discussed at a future meeting.

IV Sub-Committee (Sports)

- Mandatory Board Positions Proposal

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that there is lack of volunteers and dwindling participation in youth sports. The Recreation Commission agreed to create a new position within the sports boards called Director of Recruitment. The director could advise parents what sports are available. The sports boards need someone on each board to advertise and be in charge of press releases. The subject will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

V Events

- Fireworks
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The local individual who displayed the fireworks last year would like to do this year's event, and would make up for the props that did not work. Two former members were excellent fundraisers. The individuals and establishments who sponsor the fireworks event will receive recognition and a banner advertising their business.

A resident would like to have the Charity/Celebrity Softball event to contribute to "No Kid Goes Hungry." Food networks work with this organization, and there could be TV coverage if celebrities would be a part of the event. The Recreation Commission members will decide at a future meeting.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that there was positive feedback last year on the concert series. The Recreation Commission would like to have at least four concerts in 2015.

Recreation has budget money from the town picnic. Perhaps the Recreation Commission could have the picnic with the fireworks and concert. The idea of having a food truck sounds appealing. Adding sports tables and giving out t-shirts, calendars and schedule of games are a few good ideas.

VI Budget Issues

- 2015 Budget requests (per sport)

The sports boards should return their budget requests to the Recreation Commission on a timely basis, and the Mayor and Council can review them.

- Purchases

The Commission needs new tables and chairs for the Recreation Center. New tents are also needed for summer recreation.

VII Scholarship Proposal

Presiding Officer Dave Rector mentioned that the Recreation Commission should offer a sports scholarship. Council liaison will speak to the Mayor and Council at their next meeting.

VIII Recreation Commission Management

Presiding Officer Dave Rector explained to the new members that registration money from the sports board must be turned over to borough hall within forty-eight (48) hours.

IX Executive Council Meeting

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Executive Council Meeting discussion will be tabled to a future meeting.

X Tax ID Numbers Meeting

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XI BOE Scheduling –

Board of Education scheduling of fields will be tabled to a future meeting.

XII Sport-by-Sport Review

Football – The football board is trying to recruit new members.

A parent is demanding a refund in cheerleading, as many games were canceled. The coach had to cancel games as there were not enough players. Cheerleaders had the opportunity to cheer at other games but turned it down. The parent never went to a football meeting to discuss the matter.

Baseball – Baseball Presidency Situation.

The Recreation Commission may have to fill in as the sports board president and attend the meeting. No one from baseball wants the position, and the former president is now the acting president.

Softball – Everything is going well with softball.

Wrestling – Everything is going well with wrestling.

Summer Recreation Program – Presiding officer stated that the biggest recreation program is summer camp. Dave Cannici will be the representative and work with the director and co-director.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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