

Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda for Thursday, October 16, 2014

7:30 PM Emerson Recreation Commission

- I Open Session**
 - Guests Expected: Softball Player Eligibility Issue

- II Summer Rec**
 - Follow-up Results – Dave C. Reporting

- III High School Turf Scheduling**
 - Priority Dates for Each Sport
 - Invitation to BOE

- IV Recreation Commission**
 - New Member Recruitment

- V Sport-by-Sport Review**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2014 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, Lenny Fabiano, Paul Riker
Dave Cannici and Recreation Commission liaison Chris Knoller

Absentee: Marty Porcello and Peter Weiss

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

- Guests Expected: Softball Player Eligibility Issue

The softball board president and a child's parent attended the Recreation meeting to discuss whether her daughter could continue playing on Emerson's softball travel team. The child was permitted to play on Emerson's team, as she attended Assumption Academy. When the school closed, the Recreation Commission grandfathered out-of-town girls for one year to smooth the transition time in another town. Softball's laws clearly state that only those who reside or attend school in Emerson can be on the league. The parent feels that since her child is involved with the community, she should be with her teammates. The softball board president noted that some parents are angry, as the child is taking away from Emerson children's timeslots. The parent also has a younger child involved in an Emerson league.

The Recreation Commission discussed the situation and made a decision.

Motion by Dave Cannici, Seconded by Afrim Hoxha, that the parent's children will no longer be permitted to play on an Emerson league.

Roll Call: DR AH LF PJR DC

II Summer Recreation Program

- Follow-up Results – Dave C. Reporting

Dave Cannici reported that the summer camp director was not able to include programs that were scheduled, as registration numbers were low. Presiding Officer Dave Rector suggested that the Recreation Commission help organize the program earlier next year.

III High School Turf Scheduling

- Priority Dates for Each Sport
- Invitation to BOE

Presiding Officer Dave Rector met with the Board of Education administrator regarding priority dates for use of fields. The administrator noted that after Board of Education programs, Emerson recreation will be next in line to play. Sports club teams and out-of-town programs would follow. Presiding Officer Dave Rector suggested that liaisons contact their sports boards for submittal of game schedules on a timely basis.

The Recreation Commission decided that there would be no need for a follow up discussion with the business administrator regarding the Board of Education fields.

IV Recreation Commission

- New Member Recruitment

The Recreation Commission is in the midst of recruiting new members. A resident expressed interest in becoming a member and will attend the next meeting. A current member who has not attended many meetings should submit his resignation letter to the Commission.

V Sport-by-Sport Review

Football – Football is going well and there is nothing new to report. The sports board president may resign next year.

Soccer – Soccer's World Cup will be held this weekend. Softball's fundraiser is on Saturday, October 18. The Soccer Board is working on obtaining 501c3, which will allow them to be a charitable organization.

Softball – Softball registration will be held in November.

Baseball – Baseball registration will be held in December.

Wrestling – Wrestling is going well and there is nothing new to report.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
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