

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 7, 2019, AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE RECREATION CENTER.

Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha welcomed everyone and called the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission to order at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday March 7, 2019.

Roll Call: Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha, Councilwoman McGuire, David Cannici, Anthony Gismondi, Paul Coombes, Rich Solimando, Mike Graham, Willie Ortiz, Bob Quinones,

Apologies: Eilish Viggiani

I 4th & 5th Grade Dance

Eilish reached out to Jason Lyons to see if he would provide a DJ at no charge but he was unable to do that. He does a good job so a proposal was made to use his company and pay the fee of \$300.

Motion to use Lyons Entertainment for the 4th and 5th grade dance for a fee of \$300 made by Paul Coombes, seconded by Mike Graham, approved unanimously.

II Summer Kick Off, June 22

Afrim has reached out to Eugene Viola who is available for June 22 but wants to discuss further.

III Sport by Sport Review

No updates on the previous meeting.

IV Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2019 made by Paul Coombes, seconded by Dave Cannici. Motion passed unanimously.

V Open Session

Afrim attended the March 5 Mayor and Council meeting, Councilman Hoffman brought up a question about what happens when a Recreation Commissioner leaves midterm. Councilman Hoffman was under the impression that when someone leaves midterm the first alternate takes their place. This is not the case and the by-laws clearly state that the Mayor picks the replacement. It is likely that Councilman Hoffman gained this idea from an occasion in the past when the board did not have a full complement. When a vacancy came up then, no one stepped up so one of the alternates was chosen.

The Mayor and Council approved the registration fees for the Track Program.

Councilwoman McGuire informed the meeting that the 'Use of fields' approvals have been finalized with the High School.

Councilwoman McGuire brought the availability of the SNAP program to the attention of the Recreation Commission. It is a program for special needs students, which is run in Westwood by their Recreation Commission in collaboration with Washington Township. It provides a variety of activities and could also be useful for high school students to volunteer to help out and gain community service hours for college. Westwood would be happy to open this up to Emerson students. It was suggested that the organizers of the SNAP program come and present to the April 4th meeting of the Recreation Commission and that the flyer be circulated to the schools through Dr. Vazquez who is the head of the Special Services department in Emerson. The flyer could also be posted on the Recreation Commission website and Face Book page.

Afrim asked that the DPW be contacted for prices of 10'x10' tents (no sides) and 6' propane BBQ grills. These are needed for the summer kick off and would be useful in future years and for other groups who wanted to use them.

Any flyers/emails received which may be useful for Summer Recreation activities should be forwarded to Kris Lechman.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Cannici, seconded by Bob Quinones, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Morris
Recreation Secretary