

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 16, 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 May 16, 2019.

Roll Call: Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha, Councilwoman McGuire, Anthony Gismondi, Paul Coombes, Willie Ortiz, Bob Quinones, Eilish Viggiani

Apologies: Rich Solimando, Mike Graham, David Cannici

I Summer Kick off

Checks for \$250 have been received from the Chamber of Commerce and Parkway Toyota, \$500 received from LLP Pascack Valley and Pat Barret Transwork (Rich Hanson). Several other checks and cash have been received which will be entered into the spreadsheet. Other commitments have been received from Football/Cheer (\$250), Emerson Hotel (\$100), Liberty Subaru (\$500), Affinity credit (\$100) and Shop-rite (down to \$500 from \$1000 last year). The Recreation Commission is still waiting to hear back from Oritani, Rispoli's and Visions credit

Stop and Shop are giving gift cards to buy supplies and not a donation. It is hoped that there will be sufficient to cover all the supplies.

A number of local vendors have donated gift cards and these will be given out as prizes. This will be called on the day.

There was a discussion about donations by political campaigns to the summer kick off/town picnic. Displays of banners with the name of the political party and possibly the president may be acceptable but not political messages. It was agreed that this would be tabled for the next meeting.

In general a banner would cost \$500.

II Sport by Sport Review

Baseball – Keith Smith

Season going well now that there have been some sunny days. There are still some outstanding ID cards which are being followed up on.

Wrestling – Paul Coombes

There was no report as Bryana was not able to make the meeting.

Football – Eilish Viggiani

Football registration is kicking off on May 20 at Franco's who will donate a percentage of the sales from that night. The football board is will reduce the cost of registration a few dollars to parents who register at Franco's.

The decision has been taken that flag football players will wear protective headgear this season. The Emerson flag team is the only team in the league doing this and it is hoped that other towns will follow the Emerson example.

The Football Frenzy event is taking place on June 7th, 6-10 pm at the high school. They will also do a punt, pass and kick event again at the summer kick off/town picnic.

Soccer – Bob Quinones

Club season is going well. Red Bulls will provide their demonstration for the summer kick off/town picnic. Bob is awaiting approval from the soccer board for the donation for this event. Typically soccer donates \$400.

Tryouts for club soccer have been held successfully.

Sadly, Dave Pascal's father passed away so the soccer board will give a donation.

Softball – Mike Graham

There was no report as Mike was not able to attend the meeting.

Fields

The county has approved the use of the grass next to the golf course for pre-K soccer. The request was made that this be discussed and hopefully approved at the May 21st Mayor and council meeting. It will make the pre-K program run more smoothly.

III Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2019 meeting was made by Bob Quinones, seconded by Paul Coombes and approved by a majority. Willie Ortiz abstained as he was not at the meeting.

IV Open/Public Comment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Willie Ortiz, seconded by Anthony Gismondi, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Morris
Recreation Secretary