

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 6, 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 June 6, 2019.

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

Apologies: Willie Ortiz

II Sport by Sport Review

Baseball – Anthony Gismondi

Summer Kick off Home Run derby has been moved up to 1pm.

Softball – Mike Graham

Season is still going with teams in the Playoffs. Travel is starting week commencing June 10 and the fundraiser was a success.

Track – Chris Pesce

Track held their last practice June 6 and the awards dinner is this coming weekend. Two athletes made the junior Olympics. Planning has begun for cross country in the fall. It is not expected to be as big a group. The preferred place for the cross country team to practice is the outer perimeter of the baseball field at Villano

The track program is still waiting to be given 501 (C) (3) status. Fortunately they have funds left due to fewer than expected athletes attending meets. This means they don't need to fundraise at the moment.

Football – Eilish Viggiani

Friday is the Football Frenzy fundraiser and they are hoping for a good turnout.

Wrestling – Paul Coombes

Nothing to report.

Soccer – Bob Quinones

Nothing to report.

I Summer Kick off

At the moment there is \$9,000 received and \$3,400 committed. Afrim told the meeting that they had done a fantastic job. Councilwoman McGuire had been approached by Paul

Colbert Auto parts who want to have a banner at the event and she asked how much this would cost. The answer was a minimum of \$250 for a banner of 4'x4' or 4'x5'.

The vendor that has provided rides in previous years does not have workers compensation and the Borough's Insurance Company now requires this. Two new vendors have been identified; Party Perfect Rentals and Amazing Amusements. Party Perfect Rentals had provided a quote at the time of the meeting for 9 rides with staff and generators as requested by the Recreation Secretary which would have cost \$5338.

Amazing Amusements had sent pictures of 15 rides but not provided a quote.

There was some discussion as to how many rides were needed and the consensus was five for a budget of \$2,500 to include staff and generators.

The meeting agreed to use Party Perfect Rentals and asked Bob Quinones to work with the Recreation Secretary to choose and book the rides

The rides will be contained to the third base line and the preference was for a bouncy house, large slide and one other large ride.

With the support of the Mayor, the Recreation Commission has persuaded Stop and Shop to donate the food for the event which will be cooked by volunteers. They will donate what was given last year but they were somewhat reluctant so the Commission may ask Shop-Rite next year. There will be no food trucks.

The four kegs of beer, tanks of CO₂ and ice for the beer garden are on order and a resident will donate two more kegs. There was a question about whether or not the beer that was being purchased for the event would be tax exempt. The price that will be charged per cup will be agreed at the next meeting. 8 oz. cups are on order. The band will be part of the beer garden and will need power which may be provided using a generator from the fire house.

The Recreation Commission have purchased 8 tents, some of which can be used for the band and beer garden. Others will be used over the barbeque.

Environmental Commission and Historic Preservation Society will have tables along with a Boy Scout who is doing a bake sale and horseshoe toss.

There was a discussion about and what to put the raffle tickets to choose the winner of the donated gift cards in so that people can choose which card they would like. There is no charge for the tickets which will be given out at various locations.

III Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from May 16, 2019 meeting was made by Bob Quinones, seconded by Rich Solimando and approved by a majority. Mike Graham abstained as he was not at the meeting.

IV Open/Public Comment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Cannici, seconded by Bob Quinones, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Morris
Recreation Secretary