

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE RECREATION CENTER.

Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha called the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha, David Cannici, Anthony Gismondi, Willie Ortiz Michael Graham, Paul Coombes, Richard Solimando, Eilish Viggiani, and Council liaison Brian Downing

Excused Absence: Bob Quinones

Presiding Officer Afrim Hoxha informed the Recreation Commission that the secretary will be retiring on November 30, 2018. The members wished her the best of luck in future endeavors.

I Fall Event

Council liaison Brian Downing mentioned that the fire department agreed that Recreation Commission could have their fall event the same night as the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which would be held the first week of December. Residents would enjoy refreshments at the firehouse after the tree lighting, and Santa will be available to have pictures taken with children. The holiday event would be a nice time for all.

II Recreation Football Issue

A mother of a six year old son claims that the Flag Football coach is picking on him and it is only happening to her child. The football board noted that the child is always late attending games and is unprepared. It takes time for the child to get ready, and there may be a safety issue if the child is not paying attention. The football board was notified by the parent that the child will not return. The recreation commission agreed that the football board should document the interaction between the parent and coach in case they decide to register next year.

III Field Issues

A recreation commission member is working on field issues. He noted that certain individuals are putting in for a field usage request as Emerson teams that are not Emerson teams. In order for a team to be an Emerson team, a roster has to be comprised of 75% Emerson children. Club team that has two Emerson players is not considered an Emerson team. If individuals claim they are Emerson teams, he/she must submit a roster of names and addresses of the children, or they cannot have the field. The Recreation Commission noted that if an outside team requests field usage, they must sign an agreement that they will adhere to Emerson's jurisdiction. Emerson recreation teams have

field usage first, Emerson Club teams of any kind have field usage second, and anyone else has field usage third.

The recreation commission should ask the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders how they can request field usage in the County.

The recreation commission and council liaison discussed purchasing a new grill and flat screen televisions. The senior citizens center and public library have free Wi Fi from Verizon Wireless.

The senior citizens would like to have more active activities and asked the recreation commission for guidance. The recreation commission will communicate with summer recreation director and ask if the children could do something with the senior citizens.

The recreation commission asked the borough administrator if there could be two more positions on the Commission, so that the present two alternatives can move up.

IV Approval of June 7 and September 6, 2018 Minutes

Motion by Willie Ortiz, Seconded by Dave Cannici, that the Minutes of June 7 and September 6, 2018 be approved as written.

Roll Call: AH-yes DC-yes AG-yes WO-yes MG-yes PC-yes EV-yes RS-yes

V Open Public Comment

There was no one present for Open Public Comment.

Motion by Dave Cannici, Seconded by Willie Ortiz, that the Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Di Lello
Recreation Secretary