

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016 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.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified everyone present that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit signs above the door and exit calmly.

Open Session:

I Call to Order

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

II Roll Call: Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Afrim Hoxha, Dave Cannici, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Anthony Gismonde, Willie Ortiz, and Council liaison Brian Downing

Absentees: Suzanne Smith
Peggy Di Lello, Secretary

III Approval of February 4, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Afrim Hoxha, Seconded by Gerald Falotico, that the February 4, 2016 Minutes be approved as written.

IV Candidates for Open Commission Position

Presiding Officer Dave Rector asked the members to find an individual that has experience with sports programs to join the Recreation Commission. The members discussed potential candidates for the open position.

V Recreation Center Resolution

The draft resolution for the Recreation Center will be voted on by the Commission members and approved by the borough attorney.

VI Final Review of Revised ByLaws

The Recreation Commission members unanimously agreed on the final review of the Bylaws. The borough attorney will review them before they are adopted.

VII 4th & 5th Grade Dance

- Final Date(s)

Emerson's social dance will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Church of the Assumption auditorium. Pasta, snacks and water will be donated at no cost to the children, and chaperones will be present for both grade levels.

VIII Summer Kick-Off Event

- Dates
- Picnic
- Concert?
- Softball?
- Fireworks (Vendor)

Presiding Officer Dave Rector asked the Commission member in charge of fields and baseball liaison what dates would be available for the summer kick-off event. The baseball board should have their game schedules in. The last week of June seems agreeable, as Father's Day, graduations and proms will occur mid-month.

The residents did not seem to enjoy the concert last year. The Recreation Commission agreed that it would be best to have a DJ in the future.

The Recreation Commission will supply softball with a separate date for the Charity Softball Tournament.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector will work on an Action Plan for the fireworks event.

IX Lightning Detection System

- New Instructions

Council liaison obtained the Lightning Detection System ordinance from the fire department. The Ordinance states that upon activation, all public parks, playgrounds and recreational areas are closed throughout the duration of the system's activation. All individuals using the areas must stop the activities and seek shelter. The Recreation Commission members would like the words "seek shelter" defined

X Executive Committee Meeting

- Date(s)

There will be an Executive Committee Meeting on March 3, which should be attended by a senior member from each sport. The regularly scheduled meeting will follow.

XI Recreation Requests of Sports Boards:

- Liaisons Submit
- Database
- Recruitment Officers
- Website Links

The presiding officer asked the liaisons to make sure sports boards submit everything in the current database, including website links. The Boards will begin recruiting officers.

XII Sport-by-Sport Review – Liaison

- Soccer – There is a new member on the soccer board. The 2015 Year Book should be available in March.
- Baseball - The collection of a child's birth certificate should be done in Kindergarten. The coaches must be in compliance with safety training and the background checks ordinance. Baseball sports board is working on their database, and has designated a recruitment officer.
- Softball – The softball clinics begin on Saturday, February 21. The Opening Day is April 9. Softball's fundraiser will be held on June 4 at the community center in Westwood.
- Football – Football has a new president, and there are ten members on the Board. They revised their Bylaws and will forward them to the Recreation Commission for approval. The football board is interested in purchasing a new safety helmet.
- Summer Recreation Program – Summer Camp director will attend the March 3 meeting.
- Summer Hoops has purchased a new scoreboard
- Wrestling – The wrestling board has a website page and will supply information for the database.

XIII Closed Session

Soccer Situation

The Soccer Board issued a letter of corrective action to two coaches for a sports violation. The letter is a formal warning to be signed and returned to the Soccer Board. One of volunteers is seeking legal counsel, and the other did not acknowledge the letter. The Soccer Board should be able handle the situation, and will contact the Recreation Commission if there is another issue.

Motion by Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Seconded by Afrim Hoxha, that the Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Di Lello". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Di Lello
Recreation Secretary