

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 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, Lenny Fabiano, David Cannici, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Suzanne Smith, newly-appointed member Willie Ortiz, Council liaison Brian Downing, and Peggy Di Lello, Secretary

Anthony Gismonde was absent

III Recreation Secretary Introduction

Presiding Officer Dave Rector introduced the Secretary to the Recreation Commission members.

IV Mary Smith, re: Charity Softball

Mary Smith, 30 Hartland Avenue, Emerson, discussed having a Softball Charity event for the memory of Stephanie Morgan. The volunteers would put together a scholarship for a high school senior. The Recreation Commission members suggested that the volunteers ask local businesses to sponsor the event. The tournament is in the process of being established as a registered charity. The Recreation Commission will speak to Mary regarding a specific date.

V Resignation of Board member

Lenny Fabiano submitted his letter of resignation due to a very busy work schedule. He noted that he enjoyed working with the Recreation Commission the nine years he served on the Board. The Recreation Commission members wished him well.

VI Recreation Center Update

The Borough Council voted 5-1 at a Council meeting to purchase property at 58 Locust Avenue, which was the Church of the Assumption day care. The Administrator was also approached by the realtor of 64 Locust Avenue asking if the borough would be interested in purchasing the property. The two lots together would offer multiple ideas as to what to do with the property, such as a new ambulance corps or recreation center. The Recreation Commission members will draft a resolution showing their interest in a new recreation center.

Motion by Dave Rector, Seconded by Afrim Hoxha, that the Recreation Commission supports a new recreation center.

Roll Call: DR AH DC GF SC SS

VII Recreation Requests of Sports Boards – Liaisons

Presiding Officer Dave Rector asked each of the sports representatives to make sure their respective sport has their game schedules in on a timely basis.

VIII Lightning Detection Instructions

The Recreation Commission is asking for more clarified instructions on the Lightning Detection System. The Fire Chief responded that the players should leave the field when they hear a signal, and the event should be over since lightning can return. The written instructions specify to clear the area, wait for another signal, and return to the field. The instructions should be rewritten to state that everyone leave the field when they hear the signal, and should be posted on the sign. The amended instructions should be included on the Use of Facility form for anyone who uses the fields.

IX Sport-by-Sport Review – Liaisons

- Soccer – The soccer board would like the Recreation Commission to control certification database for all sports. Club soccer is deciding whether they will join Northern Valley or Northwest Bergen. The soccer board is deciding if they will change the new age eligibility. Soccer listened to an audio tape regarding an incident that happened at a soccer social.
- Baseball – The baseball board brought up the subject of defibrillators and to offer free CPR training for the coaches. The police and fire department agreed that this is not a recreation decision. The coaches should call 9-1-1, and the EMT's will take care of this. Baseball is merging Pre-K with T-Ball. The coaches are doing their background checks and taking safety courses. The

Baseball Board voted on new coaches. Baseball's Opening Day is April 9, 2016. The Baseball Board is deciding on new uniforms. The borough obtained quotes on having work done on Benkovic Field, which will cost approximately \$3,800.00.

- Softball - The softball board ordered new uniforms. The registration numbers are up this year. Four new dugout cement pads are being installed at Memorial Field. They also purchased aluminum benches. Softball will have their annual dinner in June.
- Summer Recreation - Nothing to report.
- Summer Hoops - Nothing to report.
- Football - Football is having a meeting on February 4. The Cheerleading President resigned, and they are in search of a new president. Gary Pincus is the new sport board president, and Stan Woods is vice president. The coaches are doing training safety courses and having background checks.
- Wrestling - Wrestling's annual dinner is scheduled for March 23. The dual tournament match went well.

X Closed Executive Session

- Lenny Fabiano's Replacement for Wrestling
Suzie Smith expressed interest in being the new liaison for wrestling.

Motion by Dave Cannici, Seconded by Gerry Falotico, that Suzie Smith be the new wrestling board liaison.

Roll Call: DR AH DC GF SC SS

- Recreation Assistant - Staff Position

The borough budgeted money for a Recreation Commission assistant, who would work with the members.

- Review of Revised By-Laws - Committee

Several members reviewed new language regarding the Recreation Commission having the authority over sports. They included new Articles, which involve stipulations to Candidate Eligibility, a Review Process and decisions made by the Commission.

- Fall Event – Committee

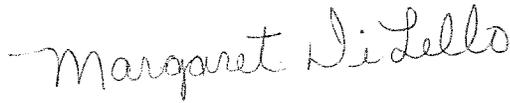
Presiding Officer Dave Rector discussed appointing a committee for the Fall Event. Dave Rector and Anthony Gismonde will volunteer.

- 4th and 5th Grade Dance – A. Hoxha/D. Cannici

Afrim Hoxha submitted the Emerson Recreation Social Dance announcement. The dance will be held on March 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption gymnasium. The free event is for children in Grades 4-5. Parents are asked to supply food, snacks and bottled water.

Motion by Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Seconded by Afrim Hoxa, that the meeting of February 4, 2016 be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
Recreation Secretary