

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON APRIL 7, 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, Steve Carmosino, Anthony Gismonde, Willie Ortiz, and Council liaison Brian Downing

Absentee: Gerald Falotico

Presiding Officer Dave Rector advised the members that Suzanne Smith has officially resigned from the Recreation Commission effective immediately due to work commitments.

III Approval of March 3, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Afrim Hoxha, Seconded by Willie Ortiz, that the March 3, 2016 Minutes be approved as written.

IV Review Request from Soccer Coach Mancino

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters exempt from the public was Moved by Dave Cannici, and Seconded by Afrim Hoxha.

Motion to go back into Open Session was Moved by Willie Ortiz, and Seconded by Dave Cannici.

V Background Checks Deadline Extension

Presiding Officer Dave Rector advised the Recreation Commission members that the borough administrator is extending the background checks for coaches to April 15. As long as the coaches have proof that they have an appointment for a background

check by April 15, they will be allowed to be on the field.

VI Review of Borough Attendance Policy

According to Borough Ordinance No. 1425-11, if an elected official or member of a board, committee, or authority established within the Borough of Emerson fails to attend meetings for a period of six consecutive weeks, or three consecutive meetings, without being excused for just cause, the Municipal Clerk or Secretary of said body shall notify the governing body in writing of the determination. Said council, board, committee or authority may refuse to excuse said absences only with respect to those failures to attend or participate which are not due to just cause.

The governing body upon being presented with the above determination shall deem said position vacant and proceed to fill said appointment for the unexpired term in accordance with the appropriate statute.

VII Bylaws Change

Bylaws Change will be tabled to a future meeting.

VIII Results: 4th & 5th Grade Dance

Afrim Hoxha reported that there were 120 children and 130 chaperons at the social dance. Brian Downing's wife donated food, Afrim Hoxha supplied bottled water, and the parents contributed desserts and snacks. The dance was a huge success, and the Recreation Commission members received compliments from the parents.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector suggested that the Recreation Commission members supply the assistant with names of volunteers to be put in an active file in borough hall.

IX Summer Kick-Off Event

The Softball Tournament will not be part of the Summer Kick-Off event and will be held on June 18, 2016.

The Recreation Commission wondered if the Summer Kick-Off event could be held on June 11, as June 25 seemed too late in the month. Since a Commission member resigned, Anthony Gismonde offered to volunteer his services to work with Afrim Hoxha on the Town Picnic.

The Recreation Commission was contemplating on having a small band instead of a D J.

The Recreation Commission will also do a can shake for fundraising the Summer Kick-Off event in May.

Each Recreation Commission member is assigned a business or individual to sponsor the event.

X Summer Hoops Coordinator Needed

Since George Mokrzecki is no longer the Coordinator for Summer Hoops, Presiding Officer Dave Rector asked the members if anyone is interested in volunteering for the program.

XI Candidates for Open Commission Position/s

A former Recreation Commission member is being asked to rejoin. Mark Sterinsky And Paul Coombs could be candidates for open Commission positions.

XII Lightning Detection System

Council liaison Brian Downing advised the Recreation Commission that the Office of Emergency Management clarified the instructions on the Lightning Detection System by submitting a Press Release. The OEM would like to remind residents and guests of the rules governing the Lightning Detection System. Activation occurs when lightning is detected ten (10) miles from the detector sight. When activated, there will be three (3) audible horn blasts accompanied by the activation of a flashing strobe. The strobe will remain active for thirty (30) minutes from the last detection of lightning within the ten (10) mile range. The "All Clear" notification is one (1) audible blast and deactivation of the flashing strobe. The OEM monitors weather and with the Police Department, will call for closure of parks and fields prior to the system activation. When the Lightning Detection System is activated, all participants and spectators must leave the field or park to seek shelter until the deactivation of the system. Dugouts and concession stands are not suitable locations. Per Ordinance No. 61-11, anyone in violation of this section will be charged with Defiant Trespass. If you see lightning or hear thunder prior to System activation, advise a game official and leave the area to seek shelter.

XIII Executive Committee Meeting

The Recreation Commission agreed to set the date for the Executive Committee meeting when the sports By-Laws are updated.

XIV Sport-by-Sport Review

Baseball – The Baseball Board spoke about certification programs. Opening Day for baseball is on Saturday, April 9. The Department of Municipal Services and Police should have keys to the fields. The summer clinics was the best year ever. Dogs should be leashed and not be able to go on the fields.

Soccer – The Soccer Board discussed not parking cars where the buses park for soccer games. Soccer Board early registration is online. In person registration will be held on at the Recreation Center on April 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Softball – There is nothing new to report on Softball.

Summer Recreation – The summer camp director put together a flyer for the Summer Recreation Program. The director would like to supply tee shirts, which would be funded from the registration fees. Summer camp registration will be held on April 28 and May 7 at the Recreation Center.

Football – Football Board purchased new tackling equipment and are updating their helmets and jerseys. The Football Board put together a marketing folder explaining about the programs and concussion programs.

Wrestling – There is nothing new to report on Softball. The wrestling board needs a new sports liaison.

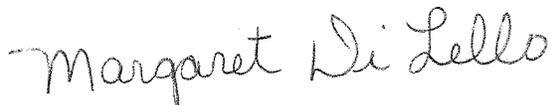
Council liaison Brian Downing reported that Environmental Commission member Stephanie Clark is interested in having a Harvest Festival in October and asks if the Recreation Commission is interested.

XV Public Comments

There are no comments from the public.

Motion by Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Seconded by Afrim Hoxha, that the Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
Recreation Secretary