

Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda for Thursday, April 17, 2014

7:30 PM Emerson Recreation Commission

I Open Session

- BOE Re: Proposed HS Field Turfing

II Fireworks

- Date – Approval with all stakeholders
- Fundraising
- Guests
- Concert Bands
- Food

III Field Usage

- Status / Issues

IV Recreation Commission

- New Member Recruitment

V Proposed Activities

- Golf program, offered by Emerson Golf
- Ackerman Park “Boot Camp” Exercise Program - Nick Piccinich

VI Approval Minutes

January 16, 2014 Minutes to be approved

VII Sport-by-Sport Review

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON APRIL 17, 2014 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.

Members Present: Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Afrim Hoxha, Lenny Fabiano, Dave Cannici Peter Weiss and Recreation Commission liaison Chris Knoller

Absentees: Paul Riker and Marty Porcello

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified the Recreation Commission members that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors and exit calmly.

The meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum in attendance.

I Open Session

- Board of Education, re: Proposed High School Field Turfing

Dr. Phil Nisonoff, Superintendent of schools, was present at Open Session to discuss high school field turfing.

Two years ago, the Recreation Commission and Board of Education officials discussed a joint project on turfing the high school field. The Board of Education now has sufficient funding to accomplish this task and will fund the project 100%. The field will be designed for a full-sized football field and full-sized soccer field. It will be longer and wider than what the high school currently has. The high school track will also be replaced. Board of Education officials submitted the budget at their March meeting, and turfing will begin late June or early July.

II Fireworks

- Date – Approval with all stakeholders

The confirmed date for the fireworks/concert series is June 14, and the show mobile is scheduled to arrive on that date. The Recreation Commission has to coordinate the date with baseball, and the completed facilities application needs to be submitted to the Board of Education.

- Fundraising

Presiding Officer Dave Rector discussed the progress chart with the Recreation Commission. He suggested that the members collect donations from businesses and individuals who have contributed in the past.

- Concert Bands

The Recreation Commission members discussed the type of music for the concert series. An individual will be contacting a Recreation Commission member regarding a local band.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the vendor is interested in choreographing the opening fireworks to the national anthem without increasing his fee.

- Food

The discussion of food is tabled to a future meeting.

- Guests

The Recreation Commission members voted unanimously to contact the Bayley family and ask if they could dedicate the fireworks event to celebrate Kevin's life.

III Field Usage

- Status/Issues

Presiding Officer Dave Rector commended Peter Weiss for doing a wonderful job on field usage. It was noted that a club team does not follow the use of facilities procedures, and does not always pay for usage, or apply for permits.

The Baseball Board has not submitted their field schedule dates after Easter. The Easter Egg Hunt went well when baseball had their Opening Day.

A resident's wife expressed interest in having an exercise program at Ackerman Park. Her request will be forwarded to the borough attorney, as there would be a fee involved.

IV Recreation Commission

- New Member Recruitment

Potential Recreation Commission members will attend a future meeting.

- V The January 16, 2014 Minutes was approved by the Recreation Commission members.

VI Sport-by-Sport Review

Baseball – The baseball board’s coordinator organized teams that are now playing against River Edge and Oradell.

Football – Football registration was held in March and April.

Soccer - Soccer registration was held in March.

Wrestling - Wrestling is going well. There is nothing new to report.

Summer Recreation – The summer camp flyers, registration and coaches’ evaluation form are printed and distributed to the schools.

Summer Hoops – The Recreation Commission is looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the program.

Since summer camp registration will be held at the recreation center on May 15, the meeting will be at the borough hall conference room.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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