

Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda for Thursday, February 19, 2015

7:30 PM Emerson Recreation Center

- I Open Session**

- II Events Update**
 - Fireworks Fundraising
 - Charity/Celebrity Softball
 - Concerts
 - Town Picnic

- III Youth Dance**
 - Letter
 - Location/Date
 - Details

- IV EJBL/Red Claws Update**

- V Soccer U13 Team Situation**

- VI Parisi Training Opportunity**

- VII Executive Council Meeting – March 5**
 - Develop Agenda

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- X Recreation Center**

- XI Sport-by-Sport Review**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2015 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, Lenny Fabiano, Afrim Hoxha, Dave Cannici and Steve Carmosino, Mayor Louis Lamatina and Council liaison Chris Knoller.

Absentees: Gerald Falotico, Aram Aramian and Anthony Gismonde

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

The high school Athletic Director is unable to attend Open Session. He will be at a future meeting to discuss better communication between the high school and Emerson Recreation.

II Events Update

- Fireworks Fundraising

The Recreation Commission members are deciding what events will coordinate with the fireworks. Mayor Lamatina offered to contact Bruce Harper to do Heroes and Cool Kids. A Celebrity Charity Softball tournament may also be included with the event. The Recreation Commission agreed to have the fireworks and softball events on June 20. The town picnic would be on a different date.

- Charity/Celebrity Softball

Presiding Officer Dave Rector inquired if anyone on the Recreation Commission or sports board is interested in organizing the Charity Celebrity Softball tournament. Presiding officer offered to contact former Recreation Commission member Peter Weiss and ask if he would be interested in managing the tournament.

III Youth Dance

- Letter
- Location/Date
- Details

The Youth Dance letter will be sent to residents as soon as a date is determined. The event will be held on a Saturday at Assumption Church gymnasium. An individual offered to volunteer as a DJ, and someone will be donating refreshments.

The Youth Dance will take place at the Church of the Assumption gymnasium on Saturday, March 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, and refreshments will be supplied with no cost to the children.

III B Summer Recreation

A Commission member met with the directors of the summer recreation program. The proposed start date for camp is June 29 and the end date is August 7. Camp flyers will be put in the children's backpack, and the parents will be aware of the program. Less counselors are needed for children, reducing the payroll. The recreation directors are interested in meeting with the Senior Citizens' President regarding safety issues in the parking lot. The directors suggested that the borough's Swift Reach be used for camp cancellations. Presiding Officer Dave Rector will contact the municipal superintendent regarding field usage, so the children will not play in chemicals when the grass is treated.

IV EJB/Red Claws Update

A recreation commission member noted that he would manage the Red Claws team next year if they were a travel team. Emerson Baseball and Red Claws should be able to work together. Baseball needs a new president to organize the Board.

V Soccer U13 Team Situation

Soccer U13 team used trainers last year from an organization called the Red Bulls, which did not work out. One of the parents hired a private instructor to train their daughter. The parents attended a board meeting and asked for the private instructor to train the soccer team. Since Emerson has a written contract with the Red Bulls, the Soccer Board suggests that the private trainer sign up with them. A letter will be mailed to the parents of the soccer team regarding the matter.

VI Parisi Training Opportunity

The Parisi Training program involves physical fitness, health and nutrition, and injury prevention, which should be open to all the sports. There are ten sessions which will begin the first week of April.

VII Executive Council Meeting – March 5

- Develop Agenda

The Executive Council meeting will be held on March 5 and consist of all sports boards and Recreation Commission members. Together they will decide what new programs would be needed. Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that there should be a recruitment officer and general orientation for each sport. The Recreation Commission agreed that parents should attend a meeting, and they could explain about each sport and the importance of volunteering.

VIII BOE Scheduling

- Priority Dates for Each Sport – Response

Baseball will submit their game dates for field usage to the Board of Education this week. Softball, soccer and Football needs to submit their dates as soon as possible.

IX Letter of Commendation

- Letterhead/Logo
- Selection Process

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the Recreation Commission wishes to present a letter of commendation to certain individuals who do a good job. Perhaps the letter could be read at a council meeting. Presiding officer inquired if the commission could have, or create, their own Recreation Department letterhead/logo.

X Recreation Center

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that perhaps a larger and modern recreation center could be built in the future by obtaining grants. The Recreation Commission will discuss the possibility with the new borough administrator.

XI Sport-by-Sport Review

Baseball – The baseball sport board has to turn in their game schedule as soon as possible. The board has decided on their uniforms.

Wrestling - Everything is going well with wrestling. Wrestling has a new sport board president.

Soccer – Presiding Officer Dave Rector attended the soccer board meeting. Soccer will donate for the fireworks event.

Football – The football board discussed a flag football tournament with the parents. The individual who demanded a refund never attended the meeting and the issue is closed.

Summer Hoops – The individual who managed the summer hoops program is interested in doing it again this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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