

**Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda for Thursday, February 20, 2014**

**7:30 PM Emerson Recreation Commission**

- I Open Session**
- II Coaches Certification and Background Check**
- III Baseball Meeting Coverage**
- IV Safety Programs**
- V 2014 Municipal Budget**
- VI Communication**
- VII New Member Recruitment**
- VIII Charity Softball Event**
- IX Fireworks**
- X Approval of Minutes**
- XI Sport-by-Sport Review**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 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, Peter Weiss, Paul Riker and Recreation Commission liaison Chris Knoller.

Absentees: Marty Porcello, Lenny Fabiano and Dave Cannici

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**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector notified the Recreation Commission members that no one will be in attendance for Open Session.

**II Coaches Certification and Background Check**

The New Jersey Bandits manager's son is interested in taking over the Bandits and Emerson Baseball recreation teams. He has not completed the Rutgers Safety Program or Background Check, as he is on probation from an arrest and fearful he would not pass. The son is involved with various Baseball Clinics and since he is great with children, Emerson Baseball is interested in having him coach. Emerson's Police Captain feels that the son should not be able to coach until the matter is cleared up. The Recreation Commission agrees that the son should have a background check done immediately. If the son clears the background check, he will be able to coach.

**III Baseball Meeting Coverage**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that a Commission member should attend the baseball board meeting as liaison between recreation and baseball.

**IV Safety Program**

An ordinance has been submitted to every sport board informing them of the Lightning Detection system. All coaches are asked to supply their contact information to the Emergency Management coordinator.

**V 2014 Municipal Budget**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector reported that softball and wrestling have not submitted their budget and asks if the liaison could remind the Boards. The members noted that tables and chairs for the recreation center should be included in the budget. Summer Hoops should remain in the budget, as someone new may be involved in the program this year. Multiple concerts will be included in the budget under Fireworks.

**VI Communication**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector suggested that each sports board communicate with the liaison regarding events, and the Recreation Commission could advertise and send out press releases.

**VII New Member Recruitment**

The Recreation Commission needs three individuals to replace a member that will be leaving and an Alternate I and Alternate II. It was suggested that an e-blast reach as many persons as possible notifying them that the Recreation Commission are in need of members.

**VIII Charity Softball Event**

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that baseball has to be in agreement with the fireworks event date. The softball board needs to produce a schedule of games, along with the completed facility application and insurance.

**IX Fireworks**

The Recreation Commission discussed the need for a band to perform at the fireworks event. Question was posed as to whether the concert should be a huge one, or a small town event. The subject matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

**X** The November 7, 2013 Minutes were approved by the Recreation Commission members.

**XI Sport-by-Sport Review**

Baseball – Presiding Officer Dave Rector reported that the Sunday morning baseball clinic is doing well. Assumption Academy is renting the gymnasium to baseball for \$25.00 an hour, and the travel team is presently practicing.

Opening Day will be held the second Saturday in April.

Soccer – The Soccer Board chose the Red Bulls for their new trainers through 2016 by vote. Soccer registration will be held in March.

Football - Football's registration will be held in March.

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

Softball - There is nothing new to report on Softball.

Fields – Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the online facility usage should be set up soon. The sports boards will be able to view the computerized calendar and only the administrator would have access to change it

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Di Lello".

Margaret Di Lello  
Recreation Assistant