

**Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda**

**Thursday, March 12, 2015  
7:30PM Emerson Rec Center**

- I Executive Committee (separate Agenda to be handed out at meeting)**
  
- II Executive Committee Dismissal**
  
- III Open Session**
  
- IV Executive Committee Activity Review**
  
- V Events Update**
  - Fireworks Fundraising Launch
  - Charity/Celebrity Softball
  
- VI Youth Dance**
  
- VII EJBL / Red Claws Update**
  
- VIII Soccer U13 Team**
  
- IX Sport-by-Sport Review**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 12, 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.

Attendees: Presiding Officer Dave Rector, Lenny Fabiano, Afrim Hoxha, David Cannici, Gerald Falotico, Steve Carmosino, Aram Aramian, Anthony Gismonde, Council liaison Chris Knoller

Guests: Sports Boards and Representatives

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

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**I Executive Committee**

The Recreation Commission and individuals representing each sport were in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting. Presiding Officer Dave Rector explained that the reason for this meeting is to improve communication between the sports boards and Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission would like to introduce new programs. Previous meetings have generated very good results. Presiding Officer Dave Rector thanked all the volunteers for their hard work.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that the summer hoops program has continued to be a success.

The Recreation Commission will be having a social dance for 7 to 9 graders at Assumption Church on Saturday, March 28.

The Summer "Kick Off" will be held on June 20, along with the town picnic, fireworks and concert. The Boards and Commissions could have tables and hand out literature regarding their specific committee.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector discussed having a new recreation center within five years, which could include tennis courts, gymnasium, offices and an environmental center.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector noted that there are fewer children participating in sports and fewer volunteers. He suggested that next year the sports boards designate one member to be in charge of recruitment. Parents should be educated and encouraged to attend sports boards meetings.

The Recreation Commission asked the sports boards to have an updated, current link pertaining to their sport on the borough website.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector advised the sports boards to submit their game schedule on a timely basis to the Recreation Commission.

Presiding Officer Dave Rector commended the directors on a job well done with the summer camp program. The program has been a success within the last eight years. The director suggested that the program be well advertised and have more registration signups at the schools.

Question was posed as to what the Recreation Commission could do to help the sports boards and Board of Education. The Commission now has full capacity members. It was agreed that there should be a central database between the sports boards and Recreation Commission.

## **II The Executive Committee Meeting Dismissal**

The Executive Committee Meeting was dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:45 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 Executive Committee Activity Review**

The Recreation Commission members agreed that the Executive Committee meeting went well. There was positive feedback with the parents' orientation program and educating them on each sport.

### **III Events Update**

- Fireworks Fundraising Launch
- Charity/Celebrity Softball

The Recreation Commission reviewed the fireworks fundraising letter. The members will begin to collect donations from businesses and individuals who contributed last year.

It is uncertain whether there will be a Charity/Celebrity Softball tournament. The Recreation Commission discussed having the town picnic, concert and fireworks events on June 20.

#### **IV Youth Dance**

A letter will be sent to the Board of Education business administrator regarding a youth dance for 7 to 9 graders. It was suggested that the youth dance be advertised through emails, the downtown electronic board and on social media. The youth dance will be of no charge to the children and refreshments will be donated.

#### **V EJBL/Red Claws Update**

A Recreation Commission member noted that he is in the process of getting the Red Claws team together, and they will be working with Emerson Baseball soon.

#### **VI Soccer U13 Team**

The parents of Soccer U13 team would like to use a private trainer. Since Emerson has a contract with the Red Bulls, the Soccer Board suggests that the trainer sign up with them. The proposal will be reviewed by the Borough Attorney before notifying the parents.

#### **VII Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of January 8, 2015 were approved by the Recreation Commission.

#### **VIII Sport-by-Sport Review**

Baseball – Everything is going well with baseball. Baseball introduced their budget.

Softball - There is nothing new to report on softball.

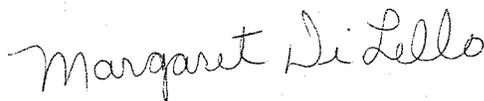
Football – Football registration will be held on March 14, March 16 and March 21.

Soccer - Soccer registration will be held on March 24 and March 28.

Wrestling – There is nothing new to report on wrestling.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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