

Emerson Recreation Commission Agenda

Thursday, September 17, 2015

7:30 PM Emerson Recreation Center

- I Open Session**
- II Information Processing**
- III Rec Requests of Sports Boards:**
 - Database
 - Recruitment Officers
 - Website Links
- IV Summer Kick-Off Collections**
- V Background Checks: Football; Bob Hoffman Memo; Procedures**
- VI Soccer Team Sizes**
- VII Fall Fields Scheduling**
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Baseball (Blue Crabs)
 - Bandits
 - Field Schedule Link
 - Field Costs for Outside Organizations
- VIII Winter Event**
- IX Youth Dance**
- X Parents Education Program**
- XI Lightning Detection Review Instructions; Revise for clarity**
- XII Sport-by-Sport Review**
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - Summer Rec
 - Summer Hoops
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Wrestling

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Afrim Hoxha, David Cannici, Steve Carmosino, Anthony Gismonde, Suzie Smith

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

I Open Session

No guests were in attendance so Open Session was concluded.

II Information Processing

Presiding Officer Dave Rector asked members to check facts and not over react when issues were raised regarding the Rec programs, as recently there have been several incident of reports turning out to be incorrect resulting in considerable lost time by board members.

III Rec Requests of Sports Boards:

The Rec Commission's requests for each Sports board to: provide Rec with their Databases; appoint a recruitment officer and add their website link to the town website was reviewed.

Baseball has not complied with any of the requests.
Soccer appointed a recruitment officer and linked their website.
Football has not complied with any of the requests.
Softball and Wrestling Liaisons not present to answer.

IV Summer Kick-Off Collections

Summer Kick-Off Collections were reviewed.

According to Dave Rector Emerson Baseball will be coming through with their promised amount of \$500 but Baseball needs to work out details.

Afrim Hoxha said Peter Weiss said he gave his contribution to Peggy at Borough Hall.

Dave Cannici said Red Claws will send in their \$150.

No word on Subaru Check.

Suzi Smith delivered checks from Wrestling and Democrats.

Dave R will follow-up with Peggy to see if United Water has responded.

V Background Checks: Football; Bob Hoffman Memo; Procedures

Bob Hoffman's Memo was discussed.

According to the memo the liaisons are responsible along with the sports heads to make sure background checks are up to date. The Board believes this is not the case according to the statute or past practices. Dave Rector suggested it was a good idea to have the sport liaisons also responsible.

VI Soccer Team Sizes

The roster make-up of the Girls U14 Soccer team was questioned to determine whether it was in compliance with Soccer's recent changes to their Bylaws. It was decided that Anthony Gismondi as Soccer Liaison would pursue this with the Soccer Board and report back to the Rec Commission.

VII Fall Fields Scheduling

Soccer had submitted their overall field request but not their specific game and practice schedule. This will be needed.

Two outside organizations, the NJ Blue Crabs and the Bandits were requesting field time. Once Dave Cannici has Soccer's details we will be able to respond.

Recommending revisions to field usage fees was discussed. Any recommended changes would need to be submitted to council and enacted as statute.

VIII Winter Event

The idea of a winter event was discussed and a sub-committee made up of Suzie Smith, Afrim Hoxha and Dave Cannici will explore the idea of holding a sponsored Dinner Dance as a thank you to the sports' parents and coaches.

Mid-January was discussed as a possible time-frame.

IX Youth Dance

A second Youth dance, this for the 4th and 5th grade was discussed. Afrim Hoxha and Dave Cannici will develop a plan.

X Parents Education Program

The Parent's Education Program concept introduced last year may be launched as an understated party of the Adult Dinner Dance.

XI Lightning Detection Review Instructions; Revise for clarity

It was agreed that the Lightning Detection Instructions as supplied by the borough should be reviewed as there were cases of misunderstanding as to procedure when the alarms sounds. Afrim Hoxha will discuss with Mark Savino.

XII Sports Board Management

The concept of the Rec Commission Board overseeing and making final approval of all sub-committee (Sports Boards) executive appointments was discussed. As per the discussion each Sport Board would still make their own nominations, but the Rec Commission would have final approval based on each candidate's accomplishments and vision for the future development of that sport.

Dave Rector said he would check with Chris Knoller and the Town Council on any issues that would prevent this change.

A pending sub-committee was formed should Chris Knoller's answer be in the affirmative. That committee would be made up of Afrim Hoxha, Suzie Smith, Dave Cannici and Steve Carmosino.

The topic would be carried over to the next meeting in hopes attendance would be higher.

XII Sport-by-Sport Review

- Baseball – No meetings have been held, but registration should be coming up.
- Softball – No known news; Gerry Falotico was not in attendance.
- Summer Rec – No news.
- Summer Hoops – The request for payment of the youth coaches was submitted.
- Soccer – The question of whether Soccer will require club players to play rec will be discussed at the next Soccer meeting. Soccer felt it was in compliance with all bidding rules. Anthony Gismonde will pursue a clear answer.
- Football – A parent questioned the low number of coaches. This will be discussed.
- Wrestling – Has scheduled a Beef Steak Fundraiser for December 4th.

With no further business to be conducted the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.