

## Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Dino Kostantakis	Present
Don Morrell	Present
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

Chairman Prulello called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

*Director Como announced "That all requirements of the Open Public meeting law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of The Borough of Dumont  
Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers  
Notices prominently posted in a space provided on the bulletin board  
At the Borough hall  
Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk*

### **Open Public Participation**

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Eugene roll call taken motion carried**

**Mike Davis**

**Dumont Soccer Club**

No comment just wants to listen to the meeting

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried**

**Commissioner Devito**

**Boy's Travel basketball**

The travel basketball had their informal ceremonies to give out their awards. They had one team at a time in someone's backyard.

Please see attached

**Commissioner Harris**

Spoke about how our kids are playing for other towns for the spring and summer seasons. He felt that we could have accomplished the same thing.

**Chairman Prulello**

Spoke about Gina's Field the Mayor & Council have put a cap of \$400,000.00 to be spent on Gina's Field. Chairman Prulello said that the field will stay where it is, the dugouts will be refurbished by the DPW. We have requested that the open air dugouts be on the bid as an alternate item. We are currently waiting for the engineer to give us a revised plan. The landscaper has been moved over to Brook Street.

The construction should be starting in early Spring of 2021. The girls for the upcoming season will be playing at Twin Boro, Bedford, & Columbia. Director Como will submit a requisition for Selzer School Field.

Commissioner Morrell asked how the field is going to be done

Chairman Prulello said that we are waiting for the revised plan from the engineer. Chairman Prulello also stated that we made it perfectly clear that a retaining wall will be needed to level the field.

Commissioner Morrell stated that the commission will need to review and vote on the final plan for Gina's Field

Chairman Prulello stated that when we receive the plan we will send it out.

Commissioner Devito updated the commission on the bylaw progress

Please see attached

Commissioner Morrell asked if there were any major changes

Commissioner Devito stated that it is restructuring of the bylaws to make sense - mostly following Robert's Rules, the current bylaws are a mess.

**Director Como asked for motion to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup> minutes. A motion was made by commissioner Morrell 2nd by Commissioner Godlewski. Roll taken motion carried**  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrell to accept the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Godlewski. Roll call taken motion carried**

### **New Business**

Commission Harris spoke about lawn care for Memorial and Twin Boro Fields. Commissioner Harris submitted 3 quotes to the Commission for review. Field Pro was not the lowest bidder, but Commissioner Harris stated that Field Pro would give us the best value for our money.

Commissioner Joyce stated that Commissioner Harris has the most knowledge when it comes to field maintenance. Plus were not comparing apples to apples - the other 2 companies are throwing the seed on top of the soil where Field Pro is slicing it into the soil. Commissioner Joyce also stated that he has had experience with Field Pro at the Little League Field and they stand behind their work.

**Commissioner Harris Made a motion to accept Field Pro for lawn maintenance for the remainder of the year. Not to exceed \$8,000.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Joyce. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Director Como stated that this money will be coming from the Municipal Budget Line Item Field maintenance.**

Commissioner Devito stated that in the future when we have an item like this the information should be forwarded to Mike, Eugene, & Tony for review and then send it out to the whole Commission.

Chairmen Prulello spoke about open air dugouts. There might be money available through the Cares Act for us to convert our existing dugouts to open air with some modifications

Commission Morrell asked if the Halloween Festival could still happen.

Director Como stated that he is working on a plan.

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried. Meeting adjourn at 7:55pm**



Tony Como  
Recreation Director

# **By Laws Committee Meeting Update**

## **1. First meeting since March and Pandemic: Monday 8/31**

- **Attendees:** Mike Prullelo,(Rec Chair) Tony Como,(Rec. Director) Brian Joyce(Rec.Commissioner), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner), Connor Gorman(Council Liasion to Rec Commission), Ron (Attorney advising the By-Laws Committee)
- **Summary of Meeting:**
  - We reviewed what was discussed in the first meeting in March
  - Informed the Attorney we wanted to know what we can and can not put into the by-laws citing examples of what we wanted to have in. (Example: Meeting Structure, Roles of Commissioners, and Director, etc)
  - Asked if he had the notes from the Attorney(Molly) from our first meeting to help guide us(He did not)
  - We decided on using a template from another Commission's By-Laws (Washington Borough, Warren County, NJ) to use as a starting point and then we would take out what we did not like and keep what we liked in
  - We finished the meeting setting a date to meet without the Attorney or Council Liasion at which point each of us would have made individual notes on the template to discuss at said meeting.

# **By Laws Committee Meeting Update**

## **2. Second Meeting: Tuesday 9/15**

- **Attendees:** Mike Prullelo(Rec Chair), Tony Como(Rec. Director), Brian Joyce(Rec.Commissioner), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner)
  
- **Summary of Meeting:**
  - Attendees went over the template agreed upon at the last meeting to revise
  - Director Como read each Article of the By-Laws section by section.
  - We discussed our notes and made agreed upon corrections of language where needed
  - We continued that process and finished approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the By-Laws template
  - We agreed upon a date for the next meeting, Tuesday 9/22 to resume the process stated above

## ***Boys Travel Basketball Report for September 2020***

### **Overview:**

I have been in contact with Ed Angeles and Rocco Giangregorio in regards to the current state of Travel Basketball. The following is their report:

- On September 4th they had individual informal ceremonies to hand out awards and t-shirts to each team in the program.
- The parents were allowed to take individual pictures with kids socially distant and with masks of course
- There are a few outstanding invoices
- Tony stated those invoices were taken care of