

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting

March, 3rd 2021

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Paul Shoyinka	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 7:06pm

*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 Joyce made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Prulello. Roll call taken motion carried.

Eliab Diaz

She wanted to know if Summer Camp will happen this year

Director Como responded. We are hoping to have some kind of camp this year. It will depend on what the Governor will allow.

Alician Carolyn

She just wanted to listen in on the meeting.

Commissioner Joyce made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting 2nd by Commissioner Godlewski Roll call taken motion carried.

Directors Report

Director Como stated that we are in the new building at this time, but there is a lot of unpacking and that he's looking forward to showing the Commissioners the building.

Director Como stated that we have three sport registrations open at this time, Men's Softball, Senior Baseball, & Girls' Softball. Registrations have been slow at this point.

Director Como stated that we are still unsure about our track program. Since the High School is closed due to COVID cases he has not had the chance to discuss with the AD the use of the fields and track. Also, we still do not know what the NJ Striders are going to do. That is the organization that operates the tournaments we go to.

Committee Reports

Commissioner Joyce

Dumont Soccer

Commissioner Joyce stated the soccer program would like to run spring clinics at the high school field.

Commissioner Joyce will be submitting requisitions for spring soccer for the use of the high school field and Selzer field

Certification

Commissioner Joyce stated that he would like the commissioners that are responsible for Baseball, Softball, Track, to see how many coaches would need to be certified and would they want a class now or towards the end of the month.

Middle School Softball

Commissioner Joyce stated that he met with Mike Boyce concerning whether the Girls will be participating. Commissioner Joyce stated that there is still a lot of uncertainty from the other schools of their participation for this coming season.

Boy's Recreation Basketball

Commissioner Joyce asked that the \$850.00 deducted from Boys' Basketball was for the clinic shirts. Director Como confirmed that it was.

Commissioner Lezette

Dumont little league

Dumont Little League would like to run tournaments this season to help raise money for the program. There are no details yet.

Football

Commissioner Lezette stated that he would have the football information to Director Como this week.

Commissioner Devito

Men's Softball

Commissioner Devito stated that he had two meetings with Men's Softball one with Director Como. That meeting we went over the Covid protocols and what will be expected of them in order to play their season. The second meeting was with Tom Mertz, Acting President. Commissioner Devito stated that he told them that we are not here to run your program but to assist and help when needed. If an incident comes to our attention. The final decision will be made by the Liaison, Director, and a Commissioner.

Men's Softball had a league meeting on the 25th of February, Tom Mertz explained to the league members what COVID protocols will need to be followed for them to play. Tom Mertz also advised that two teams will be disbanded due to the fact that Bergenfield is no longer part of their league. There was also a motion to allow Eugene Godlewski to be a captain - they felt that there would be no conflict with Eugene being a commissioner. They requested that we pick up the storage bin at Hickory Field, Commissioner Devito was told that the bin belongs to Gerry Aponte and it will be returned to Gerry.

Councilman Gorman

By-Laws

He spoke with the Labor Attorney to set up a meeting to discuss the changes that she made and why. The Councilman provided two dates to the Committee March 22nd or March 24th. The committee will discuss what date will work for them. Chairman Prulello will inform the Councilman within the next couple of days.

Paul Shoyinka

Track & Field

Commissioner Shoyinka stated that he was in contact with Kerry Graham. He stated that she nor the league have made a decision on whether to have a season, they should have an answer by mid-March.

Old Business

Director Como will reopen the floor to nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Currently we have one nomination it is Eugene Godlewski.

Director Como stated that you must be on the commission for 2 years before being eligible to hold an office. Current eligible Commissioners are Devito, Morrell, and Godlewski.

There being no other nomination's Director Como will close nomination's and will cast one ballot as the Director for Eugene Godlewski to be elected to the office of Vice Chairman for a term of two years.

New Business

Commissioner Morrell

Future Commission Fund Raiser

Commissioner Morrell spoke about a fund raiser to be held at Memorial Park this summer. Possibly having a couple of local bands, where we can socially distance and maybe have a beer tent. Commissioner Morrell will speak to Elks for assistance. It could run from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Commissioner Morell feels that we should find ways to raise money so that we would be able to do certain things .

Chairman Prulello asked what month were you thinking of and was advised possibly May or June.

Commissioner Devito made a motion to have a committee put together with Commissioner Morrell to be the Chair of the committee. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken motion carried.

Commissioner Harris stated that Elks have a hot dog cart & a popcorn machine that we could possibly borrow.

Chairman Prulello made a motion to adjourn 2nd by commissioner Morrell. Roll call taken motion carried. 7:54pm

Submitted by



Tony Como

Recreation Director