

## **Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting**

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

Bill Hanley	Present
Paul Shoyinka	Present
Jennifer Grom	Present
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Euros Rivas	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Absent
Joe Algieri (alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

**Director Como called the meeting to order at 7:05pm**

*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"*

**Borough Attorney Liebman**

**Mr. Liebman addressed the Commission concerning a change in the by-laws to eliminate 2-year requirement needed to hold an office. The commission would need a motion to amend the BY — Laws. If the Commission did that at this meeting he would prepare the document and submit it to the governing body for approval.**

**Commissioner Devito asked that in the absence of a Chairman & Vice Chairman could the Director temporally assume the roll of running the Commission.**

**If the Commission so chose they could pass a motion to allow the Director to oversee the Commission.**

**Commissioner Devito stated that we could make the motion to amend the by-laws, but we should wait to hold the election until all the Commissioners are present.**

**Commissioner, Devito, Lezette, & Joyce, would not be able to hold a position within the Commission due to Job responsibilities and other Commission projects.**

**Commissioner Devito made a motion to amend the by-laws to eliminate the 2-year term requirements to be elected to hold an office within the Commission. 2<sup>1st</sup> by Commissioner Rivas.**

**Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Open Public Participation Commissioner Lezette made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Joyce. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Since there is no public present Director Como asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.**

**Commissioner Rivas made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Joyce roll call taken motion carried.**

**Director Como ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1st, meeting.**

## **Soccer**

They will have 5 travel teams this spring.

They will be submitting requisitions for fields.

## **Chemical Program**

This past season we started our chemical program late so all the treatments could not be completed.

Commissioner Joyce is in the process of preparing a spec sheet so that all quotes will be on the same playing field. He will be sending the spec sheet to 4 different vendors.

The quote will include the putting down and removal of the field tarps.

## **Middle School Baseball, & Softball**

Mike Tuozzollo from the middle school league sent Email inquiring about our interest. Girls Softball is in, we are not sure about baseball we are need of a coach.

## **Commissioner Shoyinka**

### **Girls' Basketball**

Season has started and thing are going very well. Parents seem to be very happy in the way the program is being handled.

### **Open discussion**

Director Como asked as per our by – laws he would like all program reports submitted in writing.

Commissioner Grom offered to create a form for the Commissioner to fill out and submit.

Director Como stated that this past weekend a longtime Recreation Commissioner had passed away Irwin Buchheister. Mr. Buchheister served on the Commission for 27 years 25 as Chairman.

Commissioner Grom asked the Commissioners if they could spread the word that DGSB has started a Prek4 division for this coming season

## **New Business**

Director Como asked the Commission to consider rehiring Richard Burd as our Camp Director for the 2022 Camp.

Mr. Burd ran an excellent camp we had few complaints and many good comments.

**Commissioner Lezette made a motion to hire Richard Burd as the Camp Director for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Joyce. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Commissioner Lezette Made a motion adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Regular meeting adjourned at 8:35pm**

**Commissioner Lezette made a motion to approve the Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rivas. Roll call taken motion carried with the discussed change.**

**Commissioner Devito stated that some of our discussions should be done in closed session because sometimes the discussions could be interoperated the wrong way.**

### **Directors Report**

Director Como stated that he had received an Email from Dave Oliver wanted to sell sport cards to our recreation programs. He is also a coach in our programs, he provided the cards to little league last season. Director Como passed out samples.

Commissioner Rivas Made a motion to allow Mr. Oliver to contact the recreation programs through there Liaisons to see if they would like to participate in the card program. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried

Commissioner Grom will approach Girls' Softball to see if they would like to participate.

Director Como updated the Commission on the current projects within the Borough

Twin Boro the new softball field is in the backstop is install the field will still need to be leveled and Home plate and the pitchers mound need to be installed. Director Como stated that he is in the process of getting quotes for the scoreboard and the dug outs.

The basketball courts have been paved the poles are up. The work will be completed when the weather gets a little warmer.

Commissioner stated that in regards to the Twin Boro project there has been participation from the Borough, Recreation, and Girls Softball. All the way through the project.

Borough Administrator Tully stated that the Gina's field project is scheduled to be completed in the spring. Phase 2 of the Memorial Park Project is schedule to start early spring and to be completed before Summer Camp starts in June.

Director Como passed out the Commission assignments for 2022

Director Como asked the Commissioners to contact their programs and introduce themselves.

Director Como asked Borough Attorney Liebman if a commissioner is elected to a position could they still be a liaison to recreation programs.

Attorney Liebman said that there is no reason that they could not be liaisons to programs.

### **Program Reports**

#### **Commissioner Devito**

#### **Boys' Basketball Travel & Recreation**

See attached

#### **Jr Football & Football Cheering**

See attached

#### **Commissioner Joyce**

Submitted by

Tony Como

Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tony Como', written in black ink.

**Commissioner Lezette made a motion for the Commission to go into closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Commissioner Joyce Roll call taken motion Carried**

# ***Boys Travel & Rec Basketball Report for February 2022***

## **Overview: Boy's Travel**

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

- There are 11 travel teams from 2nd grade through 8th playing.
- Teams are in the middle of their Bergen Travel Basketball League (BTBL) season currently.
- An invoice was sent to Tony and myself to pay the league fees for those teams yesterday. They need to be paid ASAP to keep our teams in good standing with the BTBL.
- Still waiting for a final answer Vazquez family donation that was brought up at the December meeting

## **Overview: Boy's Rec**

- Boys recreation basketball had a draft for teams on Monday 1/17
- 147 players and still adding
- 14 teams (5 2nd/3rd 5 4th/5th 4 6th-8th)
- Teams have been selected, parents have been notified.
- Practices have begun and games will begin some time in the second week of February
- Waiting on Invoice for Rec shirts, balls and ice packs
- They will submit once they receive them
- They expect to use 1 ref per game and if the opportunity arises will use varsity boys/girls a chance to referee as flag football has done
- Lastly, Jason Lanzilotti is coaching and asked to have an extra shirt made with Aaron's name to be placed on his bench. It has been added to the shirt list

# ***Jr Football & Cheer Report for February 2022***

## **Overview:**

The Jr Football and Cheer programs have combined with Program Coordinators Candice Zayas and Sherry Godlewski respectively. The following is the report of what has occurred since this merger:

- The Program Coordinators, Tony and myself met in December to plan a parent meeting and discuss the plan to organize Jr. Football and merge with football cheer
- The meeting occurred on January 19th at the elks thanks to Brian Harris coordinating with the elks for us to meet on short notice
- The meeting was a success
- 25 or so parents attended and our registration numbers have nearly doubled since the meeting
- The HS Varsity Football Head Coach Rick Burd was at our meeting and is willing to help us in continue to promote the program
- Football Cheer will start their registration in late spring sometime
- Candice and I also attend a league meeting to share our reorganization plan
- The league was pleased and realized we do not need to merge with Tenaflly as Tenaflly was looking to do with us
- Tenaflly is now currently looking for a new town to merge with
- I have also met with the HS Athletic Director Joe Sutera to get the process started for practicing and playing games at DHS
- Our next step is to have another meeting of the coordinators and myself to plan fundraising, 7on7 registration committee meetings, etc