



## Dumont Board of Recreation Commissioners

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### Chairman

*Gerry Aponte(Interim)*

### Vice Chairman

*Denise Wrightington*

### Director

*Bill Brophy(Interim)*

### Coordinator

*vacant*

### Commissioners

*Dino Kostantakis*

*Gerry Tonner*

*Maryann Russini*

*Chris Snell*

*Cary Stopsky*

### Alt. Commissioner

*Cesare Papetti*

*Eugene Godlewski*

June 22, 2016

### Special Recreation Commission Meeting

#### Roll Call:

Commissioner Maryann Russini

Commissioner Dino Kostantakis

Commissioner/Vice-Chair Denise Wrightington

Commissioner/Chair Gerry Tonner (left 19:25 hours)

Commissioner Cary Stopsky

Council Liaison Donald Morrell

Alternate 2 Commissioner Eugene Godlewski

Commissioner Gerry Aponte (arrived 20:10 hours)

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COMMISSIONER SNELL (PRESENT)

#### Absent:

Alternate 1 Commissioner Cesare Papetti (graduation to attend)

Meeting called to order by Commissioner/Chairman Tonner at 19:17 hours

Commissioner Tonner announced that he is taking a leave of absence effective immediately for an indefinite period of time due to personal reasons.

Commissioner Tonner requested to be kept in the loop on emails as other commissioners see fit but announced that he could not stay for this evening's meeting. Commissioner Tonner departed at 19:25 hours

Councilman Morrell advised that someone needs to be nominated for chairperson on an interim basis

Commissioner Russini requested to conduct regular business until Commissioner Aponte arrives at the meeting so that there would be more commissioners present for the nomination of an interim chairperson

Robert Castella was in attendance and introduced as our Recreation Department Intern with office hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am-2pm.

Motion to close meeting to the public to discuss personnel and salaries at 19:32 hours by Kostantakis and Stopsky

- Russini passed out a written proposal and draft of a budget
- Russini is proposing a wage increase for certain employees as indicated in her attached proposal
- Increase Rec Director, Assistant arts and craft, \$1.00 per hour and counselors \$0.75 per hour – motion Russini 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kostantakis, Stopsky-yes, Godlewski -yes, Kostantakis-yes, Snell-yes, Russini-yes, Aponte -yes

Motion to re-open to public – Kostantakis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russini. Motion carries unanimously

Discussion on activities booked at the park as well as additional activities required and to be booked this week

- Maryann discussed \$250 per bus rental fee for offsite activities
  - Discussion on whether to split the age group into separate bowling trips
  - Van Saun Park offsite activity discussed
  - Policy on paying counselors during weather event cancellations was discussed
  - Maryann publicly thanked Brophy for assistance to date with summer camp
  - Discussion ensued regarding the swim club hours for the campers
  - Maryann explained the legal requirements in terms of the number of counselors required per age group for summer camp
  - Maryann expressed the concern that the park be covered by crossing guards at various locations to ensure children don't wander off and that people who do not belong in the park see an adult presence at the location. Discussion ensued
- Snell asked how do we notify parents if camp is cancelled due to heat advisory or rain? Discussion ensued
  - Snell asked if there are any protocols for missing children and what frequency attendance is taken at the camp- discussion ensued

First Aid Course is postponed from Friday at 6:30pm at DVAC to Wednesday 6/29 @ 2pm.

Booklet to be distributed to all parents through Community Pass

Water fountains will be turned off due to lead being found in the school system water fountains

Commissioner Russini proposes that no money remain in the budget and that it all be spent on the program since the price was raised significantly

Motion Russini 2<sup>nd</sup> Snell to approve proposed expenditures for Summer camp -- motion carries unanimously

Councilman Morrell stated that he recommends Commissioner Aponte for interim chairperson position but stated it is ultimately up to the Commission to decide

Commissioner Russini asked if it could be discussed in closed session, excluding Brophy Morrell and Castella from the discussion as she felt it was a commissioner specific topic. Brophy advised that it probably does not fall into a personnel matter that can be discussed in closed session. The meeting remained open.

Commissioner Stopsky stated he would not want to be considered for the open chairperson position

Commissioner Kostantakis nominates commissioner Aponte for interim chairperson and he accepts

Commissioner Snell nominates Commissioner Russini for interim chairperson and she accepts

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Commissioner Aponte nominates vice-chairwoman Wrightington for interim chairperson and she accepts

Open ballot ensued and Aponte wins 5-1 (Commissioner Snell voted for himself)

Councilman Morrell reminded everyone that communication with Maintenance Personnel (Billy Bowen) should go through the Recreation Director who will coordinate with the Recreation Chairman

Chairman Aponte called for a motion to adjourn at 21:19, motion made by Kostantakis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russini and carried unanimously