

Board of recreation commissioners Meeting  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Gerry Aponte (Chair)	Present
Chris Snell	Absent
Dino Kostantakis	Absent
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Don Morrell	Present
Mike Prulello	Absent
Jeff Devito	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Absent
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilwoman Stewart	Present

Chairman Aponte called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

*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  
At the Borough hall  
Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk*

**Open Public Participation**

**Don made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Jeff roll call taken motion carried**

**Comp Cheering**

Sherry Godlewski

Kelly Foss

Karen Deonandan

They presented their fund Raisers for the coming season

Krispy crème, Canning, Chipotle, Beefsteak

**Don made a motion to approve Comp cheering fund raisers for the coming season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian roll call taken motion carried**

Sherry stated that comp cheering would like to start a special needs program for comp cheering. She would like to open the program for children in Dumont and surrounding towns.

**Jeff made a motion to accept the Comp cheering special needs program as long as it meets the insurance requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don roll call taken motion carried.**

Sherry stated that they would like to expand the program to include Girls up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Gerry stated that we will have a meeting to further discuss the expansion of their program

## **Boy's Travel Basketball**

Ed Angeles

Rocco

Ed asked the commission if they had anything for boy's Travel Basketball

Gerry stated that he said to Ed that he is waiting to hear back from the borough attorney on a couple issues before we can proceed

Rocco asked about the reacquisition that was not sent to the school

Gerry stated that they are waiting to hear from the attorney before he hears from the attorney

Ed stated that the date of the rec was April 29<sup>th</sup> the issues that got the Borough attorney involved was after that date.

Gerry stated that they were happening at the same time

Rocco stated that you made the decision not to have the rec submitted

Gerry stated that the commission did meet so the rec could not been discussed so it was not submitted

Gerry stated that no issues will be discussed tonight in an open forum the Rec commission will discussed the issues in closed session because it may concern disciplinary procedure

Rocco stated that how are we going to have a meeting to try to resolved the issues and settle this when no one has the time to attend.

Carole stated that she felt that some kids got gymed out of a program, by not submitting the requisition.

Ed thanked Carole for requesting a meeting to try to settle the issues

Ed stated that we asked for 7 additional nights from May till the Middle of June. Ed stated that they did their research before submitting the rec that it would not interfere with any other program.

Gerry stated how you know that you did not interfere with any other program

Ed stated that he spoke to people in other leagues to see if a conflict was

Ed asked if Jeff was advised of any issues with travel basketball

Jeff stated he knew nothing about it

Gerry asked if you have given Tony access to their website

Ed stated that we do not have a web site we have a face book page

Ed stated that Boy's travel basket would not accept any request for the Recreation Commission without it being put forth at an official meeting and in the form of a motion because that have felt that the rec commission was discriminating against the program.

Jeff stated that they asked for 7 days, they did not received those days and weren't told why, Jeff stated that the whole problem was about not posting something on the web page Jeff stated that as the Liaison for the program his job is to represent them. He felt he could not do his job because he was not informed of the issues. Jeff stated by not giving those which cost absolutely nothing the gyms is not being used and kids lost out on playing time.

Jeff made a motion to send the reacquisition to the board of ed and let they either approve or not approve it.

Gerry stated that you can not make a motion because it is against our rules and regulations. All rec need to go through the department of recreation.

Gerry stated that there could be an issue with the current president

Don stated that the recreation commission has the right to know who is on your board

Ed stated we don't have a board I run it and Rocco helps me along with the coaches

Jeff stated he does not understand why he could not make the motion because of issues that came up after the rec was submitted.

Ed asked if the counsel has any checks and balances over complaint received by the Rec commission

Carole stated that there are she will look into if the commission is allowed to contact the borough attorney without the recreation Liaisons ok.

Rocco wanted to know why they were not asked do run the summer program ed stated that they have access to over 2 hundred kids that have been in the program.

Don stated that we appointed John keefe to run the program he agreed he is the coach at selzer and has a good basketball knowledge

Ed asked Jeff Carole and Eugene if they have received any complaints about boy's travel basketball Carole and Jeff no

Eugene said that he had heard from a parent that you were telling kids not to sign up for football.

Ed stated given the history with football he would never tell a kid not to sign up for another sport.

The complaint procedure is that if the complaint goes to the director from the director to the chairman and then to the commission for a decision

**Don made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian roll call taken motion carried**

### **Directors Report**

Tony Stated that he got a request from the Living word church to use Twin Boro Field on 3 Sundays to play softball June 16 July 21<sup>st</sup> & August 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 5 oopm

**Don made a motion to approve the dates as proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Roll call taken motion carried.**

Tony stated that summer camp is progressing as of today we had about 300 registration we still have a couple days to go.

We did receive a check from the tennis group for \$855.00 57 players @ \$15.00 per player

Tony stated that he has the summer tennis program Tuesday in July From 5pm to 9pm

**Don made a motion to accept the tennis flyer Eugene 2<sup>nd</sup> Roll call taken motion carried.**

Tony stated that we have done a lot of work on all the fields the Dpw has done an excellent job in preparing the fields. Tony asked if he could send them lunch one day this week

Tony stated that he received an email from Maggie Gerfield she is one of the track coaches. She spoke about giving some financial support to the athletes that move to regional programs. That would like to send up a 501 3c to support the track program. Tony will the person and explain that this cannot be done through recreation.

Memorial park now has phone, internet, & WI fi

Tony has asked the commission for permission to but a printer for camp

**Brian made a motion to purchase a printer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don not to exceed \$200.00.**

**Roll call taken motion carried**

Tony received an email on May 14<sup>th</sup> from Kelly Serritella would like to rename a local park in the name of a child who died of brain cancer.

At this time recreation dose do this her options would be to go to the shade tree commission about planting a tree buying a brick or purchasing a bench. Tony will call her and explain her options

Last Friday Tony met with a camera person about Cameras in the park.

**Mike**

**Little League**

No report

**Jeff**

**Recreation Boys' Basketball**

**See attachment**

**Boy's Travel basketball**

**See attachment**

**Dino**

**Girls' Basketball**

No report

**Wrestling**

No report

**Men's softball**

**No report**

**Don**

**Personnel**

Don stated tony and himself met with 22 potential counsels. Don stated that we hope that we can hire all of it will be based on the number of campers that register.

Don stated that he has received a number of complaint about hickory field in Bergenfield that it is consistently unplayable Don ask Tony to reach out to the Bergenfield Director to fix these issues.

Brian stated that the field conditions at hickory are not good.

Don stated that we could possible use Bedford parks for makeup games

### **Eugene**

#### **Comp Cheer**

See open public discussion

They thanked the commission and the counsel for the recognition at the last council meeting

Eugene stated the coaches were very upset by remarks made by a counsel person concerning how only one person was a credited with the success of the program

Carole said she would speak to that person

#### **Football**

Football signs up are done they currently have 54 players 2 less than last year

#### **Football Cheering**

They would like to caning at stop & shop date to be determined

Jeff stated that football cheer would like to purchase new uniforms and is recreation going to purchase or either help purchase uniforms it will be discussed at futures meetings

#### **Hockey**

**No report**

#### **Chris**

#### **Soccer**

**No report**

#### **Flag Football**

**No report**

#### **Correspondence**

**None**

#### **Council liaison**

Carole stated that the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary they are considering bring back the fire works for the celebration

#### **Old Business**

Tony stated that he forgot to send the football flyer to the schools

Gerry stated that Eric Mertz came up with a price of \$140,000.00 for Gina's field

Tri state will come back with an updated quote

Mike meet with a contractor 2 weeks ago we are still waiting for 2 other quotes

**New Business**  
**No new Business**

**Don made a motion to accept the April minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian roll call taken motion carried.**

**Don made a motion to close the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Eugene roll call taken motion carried**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:02pm**

**Don made a motion to open close session 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eugene roll call taken motion carried.**

Submitted  
Tony Como  
Director

# Boys Travel Basketball Report for May/June '19

## Overview:

- Travel basketball asked to have a requisition put in to the BOE for an additional day to use the gym May and June in an email on April 29th.
- Emails between Travel Basketball and The Rec Director Tony Como, and Several Commissioners took place.
- The Requisition email was not sent to the BOE for approval or denial.
- The email chain is attached.

## **Biddy Basketball:**

- The biddy basketball finished May 13th
- Registration was on Community Pass.
- Approximately 90 kids signed up(Tony has exact #).
- Biddy program was well received by parents.
- Two sessions per Monday for an hour each In April and May
- K-1st then 2nd & 3rd grades