

## Board of recreation commissioners Meeting November 6, 2019

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

Chairman Aponte 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**

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

**Mike Boyce**

#### **Dumont Girls Softball**

Mike wanted and update on Gina's Field

Gerry stated that nothing has changed since the last meeting

Don stated that until we find out what monies we have we cannot go forward

Carole stated that the Mayor and Council will not be making the decision on the grant  
Will be made by the Bergen county Freeholders

Carole said we will have an open space grant and a Green acres grant

Tony stated that that Councilman Chaie stopped in the office the other day an asked If we could use the dirt from the new building site. He said it has been tested and it is clean. The main issue is that we have nowhere to store until we need it

A discussion was held concerning the use of the soil.

Brian stated to make sure that it is the right soil.

Carole stated that the first phone call to the engineer happen on last Friday by the mayor

**Kevin Hughes**

Kevin stated that since he has been in the league they have never played a game on Selzer field.

Don stated we really want to do Gina's field the right way. There might be chance that they may have to play on different field

Kevin stated that he would like to see the same for the girls as the boy's.

Gerry stated that no dirt will be dropped on Gina's field until all base are covered

### **Maryann Russini**

Maryann asked if there will be a presentation to the public.

There will be one after the engineering process is completed

Maryann requested that the sign that is currently on Gina's field will not be replaced and will remain in that spot.

Mike stated that he spoke to the Spano's about the sign they have no preference

If we put a new sign or refurbish the current sign.

### **Cesare Papetti**

#### **District Administrator District 4 Little league**

Cesare discussed that little league Intl. wants the district to start looking at black out areas.

Don asked what are black out areas

Cesare stated that a town that does not have a little league program a bordering town that has a LL program can take over their boundaries and offer Their LL program to those residence.

Jeff asked that if a town decided that they wanted to have a LL program in the future could they take back their boundaries.

They could get them back unless the town wanted to release the Boundaries, then they can get them back.

Mike asked what the benefits of going into LL

Cesare said that right now they play among themselves. If they go into LL they would play other towns and have the opportunity to go to districts, sections, states.

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

### **Director's Report**

Tony stated that we received a thank you From Ryan Hanley for supporting his Eagle Scout project The second project at Dervitz Park is almost completed

Tony past out a letter from the High School Hockey program to fund raise at the winter festival

After some discussion by the commission they decided not to approve the hockey program to attend the winter festival. They decided it was not the right time for it

Tony stated that the winter festival is Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> rain date 14<sup>th</sup> all are welcome to come and help.

Tony reviewed the Borough Purchasing Policy with the commission

Tony stated that we need a new 5yr plan tony passed out a copy of the plan

Tony passed out a copy of the new League information packet

Gerry asked the commission to have all comments return to Tony within 2 weeks

Don stated that we should be considering what improvements that we would like done.

Tony discussed the meetings for next year the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday will not be available next year at the senior center.

The Recreation meeting for 2020 will be the third Wednesday of each month at the Dumont Elks

**Don made a motion to accept the meeting days as presented 2nd by Eugene. Roll call taken motion carried**

### **Old Business**

Tony stated that the P. O. for Bedford Field has been cut. Mike will call and check on a start date.

Gerry spoke about the recreation committees they will be groups of 3 people.

The new by law committee will be Dino Mike & Tony. Tony passed out a financial statements to the commission

## **New Business**

Don brought the idea of naming the Soccer Building at 70 Charles Street be named in honor of J.J. Donegan. Who passed away recently?

The commission held a discussion about girls' softball going over to little league

Mike said that the discussion they have had with little league if this went through little league would open a separate account for softball requiring three signatures. They would be the president of LL the Recreation Director and the Chairman of Recreation.

Brian stated that he is leaning towards the merger

Gerry asked tony to get price on a new tarp for the fields

Gerry Recommended that we honor past people who have volunteered in recreation programs. While their still alive

**Brain made a motion to purchase a field blanket. 2nd by Eugene roll call taken motion carried.**

**A Motion was made by Don to name the soccer office at 70 Charles Street in honor of J. J. Donegan. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Mike roll call taken motion carried**

## **Committee Reports**

**Jeff**

**Boy's Travel Basketball**

See attached

**Boy's recreation basketball**

See attached

**Don**

**Girls Softball**

Girls' softball is currently taking nominations by Email. They are having a league meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at that time they will hold their election.

### **Dino**

### **Men's Softball**

No Report

### **Girls' Basketball**

The Girls are in the fall travel league playoffs

### **Wrestling**

They will be having their preseason clinic on November 23<sup>nd</sup> at the high school

Robert Howard formerly from Bergen Catholic will be at the clinic

### **Brian**

### **Soccer**

Brian stated that the condition of memorial park field this year was terrible certain section never dried out. He recommend that we add some top soil to the field

### **Joanie**

### **Flag Football**

No Report

### **Social media**

No report

### **Mike P**

No report

### **Eugene**

### **Comp Cheering**

Comp cheering has started they have Tuesday & Thursdays and Saturdays at the High school

### **Football Cheer**

The Regular season is over the show Case will be coming up on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the brunch is on the 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Roller Hockey**

Roller hockey registration was very low this year we have players from several towns

### **Football**

The season is over Eugene will be scheduling a meeting with them after the first of the year to discuss the future There was incident between coaches at the last football game

Tony stated that next season is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the junior football league

Gerry stated that we need to make sure that football dose not turn into softball.

Eugene also recommended that football and cheering merge together for next season

**Eugene made a motion to accept the minute's from meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff roll call taken motion carried**

### **. Correspondence**

None

### **Council liaison**

No Report

**Dino made a motion to close the Meeting 2nd by Mike Roll call taken  
motion carried**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:31pm**

Submitted  
Tony Como  
Director



# ***Rec Boys Basketball Report for November 2019***

## **Overview:**

The Recreation Department requested the following from Brian Joyce(Boys Rec Basketball President):

- Need to get the approximate total sign ups
- Number of coaches on each level
- An estimated number of games for all 3 levels to make sure there is enough money budgeted to pay referees.

Brian Joyce responded:

-Answers to the requests will be given after the close of registration on 11/29 and given in the December meeting report.

-At this time an approximation of 10-12 games per level plus playoffs

-At least one coach per team (team #'s based on registration)

# **Boys Travel Basketball Report for November '19**

## **Overview:**

Ed and Rocco had questions for the Recreation Department:

- 1) Donations: At the last meeting we offered to donate some of our funds to the Boy Scout who made a presentation. Can you please confirm the rules for donating monies from our fundraising projects?

**Answer: One Program can not make a donation to another from fund raising money.**

- 2) We are looking to purchase new basketballs again this year. Unfortunately, bulk pricing from vendors are much much higher than retail stores. We would like to purchase at local retailers (Dick's/Modell's) and be reimbursed. This will help us keep our fees down. Can you confirm the procedure?

**Answer: Programs must use approved vendors (cannot use retail stores). Purchasing policy was addressed by Tony and will be handed out to each program**

## **Winter Season:**

- Tryouts are over
- Approximately Players 110 players
- 12 teams from 2nd-8th grade
- 4th-8th will have two teams for their grade levels
- Fees to go down this season