

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting January 16th 2020

Eugene Godlewski (Acting Chair)	Present
Dino Kostantakis	Present
Don Morrell	Present
Mike Prulello	Present
Jeff DeVito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Joanie Diore (Alt #1)	Present
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Recreation Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

Acting Chairman Godlewski called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

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*

Mayor LaBruno swore in the new commissioners Brian Joyce & Kyle Lezette.

Mayor LaBruno addressed the commission and spoke about proper protocols – specifically on how to conduct a meeting. A discussion regarding the importance of updating of our by-laws also took place. Mayor LaBruno said that the town has asked our labor attorney to assist the commission in this process. Mayor LaBruno thanked everyone for volunteering their time and coaching in the borough.

Mayor LaBruno introduced Councilman Gorman as the recreation liaison to the Mayor and Council.

Marc Lieberman, the borough attorney, spoke about the proper procedure on how to conduct meetings. Mr. Lieberman said we need to make sure that we work very close with the Mayor & Council.

Mr. Lieberman stated that the governing body has approved several new engineering companies that we could use for projects. Commissioner Morrell stated that there is a big difference in prices of each engineer for the same job. Commissioner Harris questioned the percentage that RVE is getting for the Gina's Field project.

Commissioner DeVito asked what the process is for the bylaws committee. Mayor LaBruno stated that the committee will work with the labor attorney to draft new

bylaws. The final document will be approved by the Commission and the governing body. Mayor LaBruno stated that other than Dumont Soccer Club and Dumont Little League all recreation sports in the borough should be covered under these bylaws. There was discussion on the difference in bylaws and playing rules.

Commissioner Prulello asked if we could have a list of the approved engineers so that we could call to obtain pricing. Mayor LaBruno stated Recreation Director Como should be the point of contact for project the Recreation Commission would like to do. They will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council and the Mayor and Council will forward the project to the group of engineers to obtain pricing.

Mr. Lieberman suggested that in future the commission should appoint the person to run the program and that person should appoint the additional people.

Open Public Participation

Commissioner Kostantakis made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner DeVito roll call taken - motion carried

Mike Petriello

President

Dumont Little league

Mike Petriello spoke about the security at the little league fields especially the dugouts we spoke about putting gates on the dugouts.

Recreation Director Como stated that the vendor never submitted the quotes

Commissioner DeVito asked how we can expedite the process

Recreation Director Como stated that we need to get updated quotes - he will call the vendor to get the updated quotes

Mr. Petriello stated that the tree next to the batting cage needs to come down and he will send the shade tree commission an email concerning the trees in question.

Michael Boyce

President

Dumont Girls Softball

Mike Boyce spoke about Columbia Field's outfield fencing and that the dugouts should have gates. He also spoke about the water meter issue at Columbia

Mr. Boyce spoke about having Tenaflly girls possibly play in Dumont and help sponsor the safe at home tournament. Commissioner Morrell spoke about the rule that you have to play rec in order to play travel softball. Mr. Boyce stated that there are 5 girls from Tenaflly. A question arose that if they play travel would you take a spot from a Dumont Player? Commissioner Joyce stated that the Tenaflly girls helped last year because without them we wouldn't have had a second team

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Diore roll call taken - motion carried

Director's Report

Recreation Director Como passed out the league information manual to the commissioners.

Recreation Director Como said we need to have a meeting with all the league heads. Recreation Director Como recommend two options for handing out the manuals. One option is to have all the league heads come to the February meeting and suspend regular meeting so that protocols and review of the manual or the other option is to have 3 commissioners meet with the league heads and review the manual.

Commissioner Morrell suggested that we have a special meeting due to the importance of the issue. The commission decided on February 10th at 7:00pm – location TBD.

Recreation Director Como stated that he got fund raiser request from Dumont Girls Softball. Recreation Director Como explained the process of buying spirit wear

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to accept the fund raiser from Dumont Girls Softball 2nd by Commissioner Kostantakis. Roll call taken - motion carried.

Committee Reports

Acting Chair Godlewski

Competition Cheering

Season has started. They had to remove a player from the team for failing to come to practice she missed 12 practices to date

We had one injury a girl broke her wrist

Football Cheer

No report

Roller Hockey

Commissioner Kostantakis

Men's Softball

Men's softball would like to raise their registration Fee to \$90.00

Commissioner Kostantakis made a motion to allow men's softball to raise their fee to \$90.00. 2nd By Commissioner Morrell roll call taken - motion carried

Commissioner Kostantakis stated that they still have a concern about the use of Hickory Field

Commissioner Kostantakis requested that they would like the light curfew for Twin-Boro Field extended to 10:30pm

Councilman Gorman will take the light request to the Mayor & Council

Girls' Basketball (Recreation & Travel)

Season has started so things are going well

Wrestling

Wrestling going well they have their first tournament this weekend at Emerson High School

Commissioner DeVito

Boy's Travel Basketball

Please see attached

Commissioner Joyce

Boy's Recreation Basketball

There is still an issue at Selzer School with them canceling dates for functions that can be held in other areas of the school (Media Center / Classroom).

In addition, Selzer School we are still having trouble accessing the school. The doors are locked and time is wasted waiting for someone to open the school's main. It is not fair to the custodial staff to have to stand by the door or for a parent to have to sit by the door while their child is playing when we have roll down gates that control access inside the school. Dumont High School does not do this for high school basketball.

Commissioner Morrell suggested that he would go and speak to the superintendent about this issue

Recreation Director Como will speak with the superintended to set up a meeting to discuss those issues.

Commissioner Harris

Dumont Soccer Club

Soccer would like to use Twin-Boro in the spring for some travel games the dates will follow

Commissioner Harris asked if soccer could use the trailer this fall.

Commissioner Harris asked what needs to be done to run a summer camp. Acting Chair Godlewski stated that you would need to propose to the commission what you would like to do.

Commissioner Prulello

Dumont Little League

Little league registrations are now open

Councilman Gorman

Council Liaison

No report

Old Business

Commissioner DeVito brought up the issue for the new wrestling mats

Commissioner Harris stated that the Board of Ed would not be able to purchase them until next year's budget

There was a discussion concerning the purchasing of the new mats the Recreation Commission had agreed to pay for half the cost of the mats not to exceed \$6,000.00

Recreation Director Como stated that any cost over \$6,000.00 must have 3 quotes

Commissioner DeVito brought up the issue of the cameras for Memorial Park. Commissioner Prulello will ask Little League if they would help with cost

Commissioner Prulello stated that he spoke with the vendor the original quote was for 9 cameras he submitted, but the new quote was for 5 cameras at a cost \$8,500.00.

Commissioner Diore asked if we could add to the system Commissioner Prulello said yes

Commissioner Lezette stated that the quality of the cameras is most important because without good images / picture quality on playback it would be useless.

Councilman Gorman will take the proposal to the Mayor and Council for discussion

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to accept the November 6th Minutes as written 2nd by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken - motion carried with two abstentions

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to accept the December 4th Minutes 2nd by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken - motion carried with two abstentions.

New Business

A shed for Bedford Park has been ordered

Commissioner Prulello stated that he had a conversation with Boy Scout Leader – Mike Davis concerning Eagle Scout project.

Commissioner Prulello asked if the commissioners could send him some ideas and he would put a list together and submit it to the scouts

Commissioner Prulello stated that all the commissioners should make sure that their Boro emails are working

Commissioner Prulello stated that former Commissioner Aponte and himself had an idea of starting a middle school baseball and softball teams. It will not be sponsored by the Board of Education. It will be recreation sponsored

Commissioner Prulello stated that the town agreed that we could use the town bus for transporting the teams

Commissioner Harris inquired if this will create a conflict with recreation softball

Commissioner Diore stated that she feels that this team would not accomplish getting these two organizations (DGS and X-Factors) together.

Commissioner Joyce stated that he commended Commissioners Prulello and Aponte for proposing this. Dumont is one of only a few towns that do not have Middle School Programs as feeder programs for their high school programs. Having these programs will only help high school athletics.

Mike Boyce feels that this team is not going help anything it would not bring the 2 organization together and could create a problem with the schedule between recreation and this team.

Commissioner DeVito stated that having choices is not a bad thing he thinks middle school and recreational teams could both thrive.

Commissioner Prulello made a motion to approve the middle school softball and baseball teams with the stipulation that these teams do not fall under the bylaws of DGSB & Senior Baseball 2nd by Commissioner DeVito. Roll call taken - motion carried with 2 abstentions

Recreation Director Como passed out the financial reports and reviewed them with the commission.

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the meeting 2nd by Commissioner Kostantakis roll call taken motion carried. 10:36pm.

Submitted



Tony Como

Recreation Director

Boys Travel Basketball Report for January 2020

Overview:

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

- Season started January 2nd
- Season runs until Mid March
- We currently have 12 teams from 2nd -8th grade level
- Things are going well.
- All kids are signed up and paid in full on Community Pass with exception of one or two.
- Those kids have not been given a uniform to date and have not played in a game thus far