

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting
June 24th, 2020

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Dino Kostantakis	Present
Don Morrell	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

Chairman Prulello called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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*

Director Como asked for a motion to approve the minutes from Januarys Februarys and Aprils special meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrell to approve the January Minutes. 2nd by Commissioner Joyce. Roll call taken motion carried

A motion was made by Commission Morrell to approve the minutes of the February meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken Motion carried with 1 abstention

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrell to approve the minutes of Aprils special meeting. 2nd by commissioner DeVito. Roll Call taken Motion carried with 2 abstentions

Open Public Participation

No public was present for this meeting

Directors Report

Director Como told the Commission about a meeting that was supposed to happen today between Dumont Little League, Borough Administrator Tully, Risk manager, & Director Como. That meeting never happen and not sure when it will be rescheduled. Director

Como asked Administrator Tully about it before this meeting. Tully said that the borough will have a statement in a couple days.

Commissioner DeVito asked is this concerning opening fields to the public or is it concerning league play.

Director Como stated that it will be concerning league play.

Commissioner Morrell asked if Director Como could find out when the fields will be open for no organized play.

Director Como stated that he will ask the question and let him know

Old Business

Commissioner Prulello gave a Gina's Field report. Prulello stated that he reached out to the engineer from RVE, to check on the progress he had sent a cost chart with options from A to E with different cost going from low to high on the amount of money needed the higher the cost the more the borough has to bond. Commissioner Prulello asked Administrator Tully about and he stated that is the procedure that needs to be followed. Commissioner Prulello stated that there will be a meeting set up with counsel Recreation Committee and the Recreation Gina's committee and the engineer to finalize the plan before it goes to bid. Prulello also stated that the bathroom will be bid as an alternate.

Commissioner Devito asked what the meeting is going to be about is about bonding, bathrooms, or field.

Commissioner Prulello stated that it will about all three. Prulello explained that the higher the amount of money needed the higher the bond will be.

Commissioner Harris asked if the option table can be emailed to the other commissioners so they can review it and be discussed at another meeting.

Commissioner Morell stated that in January we were told that we had over \$200,000.00. And Councilwoman Stewart stated that we had applied for 2 more grants which would give us more than \$600,000.00 for the project

Commissioner Devito brought up the basketball courts he stated that while things are closed. This would be an ideal time to get that repaved and fix the drainage. And it will also deter people from hanging out at the park

Director Como stated that he will speak to the borough Administrator to have the engineers bid on the job. Several months ago we had an engineer give us a price and it was close to \$40,000.00 just for the engineering part of the project.

Director Como reopened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman we have one nomination that was commissioner Godlewski. Are there any other nominations?

Commissioner DeVito nominated Commissioner Prulello Commissioner Prulello accepted the nomination. Director Como asked if there are any other nominations.

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close nominations 2nd by Commissioner Lezette, Roll call taken motion carried.

The results of the election was 4 to 3 in favor of Commissioner Prulello. The New Chairman of the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Godlewski Continue as Vice Chairman

New Business

Director Como spoke about the email everyone received from Chris Snell about wanting to be reinstated as a coach for Dumont Recreation Programs. Como stated that he has been speaking with the borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, & Councilman Gorman concerning the issues of the commission and what the next steps will be over the next 30 days

Councilman Gorman spoke what we will need to do according to resolution 86. There needs to be a hearing within the next 30 days. The meeting is to be held in a public forum.

Commissioner Morrell stated the he had been speaking with Mayor wanting to know what are rights are and what we could be liable for.

Councilman Gorman stated that all correspondence concerning the hearing should be done through the Borough attorney. So when the commission decides on a date the notification will be sent by the borough attorney.

Commissioner Morrell asked if the commission voted to reinstate Mr. Snell and god forbid something goes wrong, we could be sued personally.

Commissioner Morell stated that the Mayor said that we should sit down with the borough attorney and the Labor attorney to figure what you can be liable for.

Councilman Gorman stated that with the bylaws being under revision resolution 86 was put temporally in place until the revised recreation bylaws have been ratified.

Mr. Snell would be required to provide to the commission any paper work and a list of any witness that would like to speak on his behalf and his judgement of conviction.

The Councilman did state that the attorney will be present at the hearing

Commissioner Harris stated that commissioner Morrell would like to know that if we voted yes and allowed Mr. Snell to coach and he does something wrong could he be sued personally. That's why we asked Tony to ask the attorney.

Director Como Stated that he did ask the attorney and is waiting for a response

Commissioner Joyce stated that we have two separate issues one is to schedule a meeting and 2 are the list of concerns. Joyce stated that it is better to schedule the meeting sooner rather than later. If we have the meeting sooner we could have the time to discuss our concerns with the attorney and would give us enough time to make a decision.

Commissioner Joyce recommends that we try to have the meeting in person something of this importance should be on a zoom.

Commissioner Godlewski stated that we will try to get the Elks or the Senior Center to hold the hearing.

Commissioner Morell stated that Commissioner Harris deserves all the credit for the work on the babe Ruth field.

Commissioner Prulello said that we will be accepting quotes on moving the sprinklers to where the volleyball pit is. Also we will be looking into a net that can convert one of the tennis courts to volleyball and tennis

Commission Harris said the schools will be opening their fields for high school practices would it be possible for soccer to use the fields.

Director Como said that is something we could look into


Commissioner DeVito asked if their quasi why do we get involved with the permit process.

Director Como stated all request for fields must come through the recreation department.

Chairman Prullelo said that we will try to schedule a meeting with the Board of Ed,

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried 8:12pm

**Submitted by
Tony Como
Director**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Como".