

Board of Recreation Commissioners Special Meeting
October 21st 2020

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Absent
Dino Kostantakis	Present
Don Morrell	Present
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Absent
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

Chairman Prulello called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

*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 Mike roll call taken motion carried

Mike Davis

Dumont Soccer Club

Mr. Davis stated that the other day he went to Memorial Park to check the soccer goals. He found that the goals that were chained up had been vandalized. The chains were cut and the spikes to anchor the goals in place were missing. He did locate two of the eight anchors in the outfield of the Babe Ruth Field. He wanted to know if we could clear an area by the score board so they could store the goals and secure them there for the off season. Commissioner Harris stated that the damage may have been when the DPW cut the grass they may have accidentally ran over the chains causing the damage.

The commission will discuss the issue later in the meeting and report back to Mr. Davis

Gerry Aponte

Resident (former Commissioner)

Gerry would like to know what's going on with Gina's Field

Chairman Prulello stated that the engineer revised the plans. There was a meeting held with the Rec Committee of the Mayor and Council and the Commission's Gina's Field Committee and BA Tully. Some question were resolved but there are discussions on going concerning other issues

Mr. Aponte asked if there is going to be a retaining wall.

Chairman Prulello stated not at this time

Mr. Aponte asked that when the plans come out will there be an open meeting with the public to discuss the plans.

Mr. Aponte stated the he would hope that the commission would still have a say in how the field will be built because you are the people who know what is needed.

Chairman Prulello stated that we will still be discussing with the engineer our concerns over the retaining wall. Commissioner Harris stated that since our meeting this afternoon was not taped - Commissioner Harris wanted it to go on the record that he is totally against leaving the field where it is and not putting a retaining wall.

Commission Morrell stated that he agrees with Commissioner Harris -- that if there is no retaining wall it will not correct the problem. Commissioner Morrell further stated The Borough could make recommendations the decision should be ours.

Chairman Prulello stated that there has been no final decision the discussions are still on going.

Mr. Aponte thanked the Commission for the condolence basket when his father-in-law passed away.

Commissioner Devito made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting 2nd by Commissioner Kostantakis. Roll call taken motion carried

Director Como asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 16th meeting. Commissioner Morrell made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16th meeting 2nd by commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion carried.

Tony Como

Recreation Director

Director Como stated that with winter sports approaching he was asked to put a plan together. Director submitted the plan to the risk manager. BA Tully, and Chairman Prulello for their review. Over the last several weeks the Chairman and I have been having conversions with the AD. Director Como stated in conversions with the AD he was not very clear on what their plan was. Once the plan is reviewed by the risk manager, he will send over to the Board of Education.

Director Como stated that he speaks with other towns Recreation Directors on a weekly bases so far Maywood has shut down their winter sports, Westwood is close to shutting down, and Hillsdale has shut down their wrestling program.

Commissioner Devito asked who will be at the meeting. Director Como stated in addition to himself, the Risk Manager, BA Tully and Chairman Prulello.

Commissioner Devito asked when the plan is submitted will the commission be voting on it.

Director Como stated that he is not sure if the schools will be giving us gym time. They're not sure what they are going to do. They will have to follow the same or similar protocols that I wrote.

Commissioner Harris stated the wrestlers from Dumont are wrestling as a club.

Commissioner Harris stated that if we don't get the schools, we might be able to look into St. Mary's.

Committee Reports

Boy's Travel Basketball

Commissioner Devito

Commissioner DeVito Stated that the Boy's Travel Basketball are waiting to hear from us and will be willing to follow whatever protocols that they need to.

They also said that if winter sport are approved they would request to open Community Pass and then request gym time.

Director Como stated that if we get approved for any gym time there will be no parents or fans allowed in the gyms.

Commissioner Devito stated that dropping off the kids is going to create another issue, with home games and especially away games.

Commissioner Harris

Fields

Commissioner Harris stated that the aerating and seeding at Memorial and Twin Boro Field has been completed

Commissioner Kostantakis

Men's Softball

Bergenfield has voted to start their own softball league with just Bergenfield residents.

At the Men 's softball last meeting they voted that their league for the upcoming season will be just Dumont residents. The only exception will be the players who have been playing with them for years will be grandfathered in. All new players must be from Dumont.

Old Business

None at this Time

New Business

Bedford Field Outfield Repair

Director Como stated that over at Bedford Field there is a serious dip in left field. The discussion the field committee had was to get topsoil, seed it and put a winter blanket on it.

Director Como stated that the repair needs to be done, because come next spring we will be using the field for 50 / 70 Baseball and Girls' softball will be needing the field if we go to construction on Gina's Field.

Director Como stated that we did get one price so far but we are waiting for a price from another company.

The price that we have received is \$3,800.00. This will include top soil, seed, grading, cutting back the lip from 3rd base around the infield with a 2ft strip of sod installed and also a winter blanket installed.

Commissioner Harris stated the he feels it is not imperative we do this fall. He stated it could be done in early March.

Chairman Prulello made a motion to proceed with work at Bedford Field.

The Motion was withdrawn by Chairman Prulello.

Commission Harris stated that he thought we were waiting for another quote

Chairman Prulello said that Commissioner Harris never provided us with the quote we have been asking for days.

Commission Harris asked what company would do the work. Chairman Prulello stated we are going with Tri County.

Commissioner Morrell stated that he does not feel comfortable voting on something when he has not seen the quotes. He also stated that we all should see the quotes to see what work is being done.

Commissioner Devito asked could we vote on a project without selecting a company.

Director Como stated that it could be done we have done it before.

Commissioner Devito made a motion that we fix Bedford Field but wait until the quotes are submitted before deciding who will do the work. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.

Sugar & Spice Backstop with Fencing

Director Como stated that since we put the new shed at the field it was noticed that the back stop is bent.

Director Como was asked to get three quotes. He told the commission that he could send them out tomorrow for their review. The company that we received quotes from was American Fence \$6,440.00, Bergen Fence \$7,800.00, All Jersey Fence \$6,400.00.

Commissioner Morrell asked if the fencing is all the same gage

Director Como stated that it was.

Director Como stated that the fencing for the back stop is 6 gage and the fencing along the dugouts is 9 gage that is what all 3 companies recommended.

Commissioner Morrell asked that using the lighter gage would the fence get damaged quicker by the kids hitting the ball against it. He asked if we could get a price on the heavy gage.

Commissioner Harris asked that before doing the work if we could look at the grade of the field

Director Como said that he would speak to the DPW about the problem and they could do the same thing that they did on the senior field.

Commissioner Harris asked how much money we have.

Director Como stated that in the special account we have \$43,000.00.

Chairman Prulello asked the commission to vote on the fence project either yes or no so we can move on.

Chairman Prulello made a motion to approve the work at Sugar & Spice pending approval of one of the bids in the future. 2nd by Commissioner Devito roll call taken motion carried.

Security Cameras Memorial Park

Chairman Prulello stated that we met with an electrician today to give us some ideas about –putting a couple of cameras at the park. We have do Wi-Fi at the park and we do have power at the poles.

Commissioner Lezette stated he spoke with tech person. Commissioner Lezette will do some research for us and will forward it to the commission.

Twin Boro Field

Commissioner Harris stated that the field needs top soil in the middle of the field. He asked the commission to add it to the list of things to do.

Director Como gave the commission an update from the municipal budget line item field maintenance. The Amount given to us was \$15,000.00. We have spent so far 12,835.00. we did the fall program which was \$8,000.00, perennial was \$1,800.00, and we purchased 2 winter blankets at a cost of \$3,100.00. We have little over \$2,000.00 left in the account.

Commissioner Harris stated that he got an estimate for two telephone poles for Bedford field
Two 45' telephone poles with installation & Guide wires would be \$6,800.00
Commissioner Devito asked if this is considered new business he stated now that we are hearing this could it be something for the agenda next time so things could run a lot smoother

Commissioner Harris felt that a fence would be a little too much for the soccer goals at Memorial Park because there would not be enough room.
Commissioner Joyce stated that we could have the DPW clear an area by the score board and chain the goals to the steel post.
Director Como will speak with the DPW in the morning.

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

Submitted by

Tony Como

Recreation Director