

# Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Absent

Chairman Prulello 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**

**Commissioner Godlewski made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Morrell roll call taken motion carried**

**There being no public Director Como asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.**

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Commissioner Devito**

#### **By Laws Report**

See attached

### **Commissioner Kostantakis**

#### **Men's Softball**

For the upcoming season they would like the light curfew extended to 10:30pm  
They have requested Twin Boro Field 4 nights a week

## **Wrestling**

Spoke with Eric Mertz they have about 25 families that would be willing to participate in the program this year - if allowed

## **Girls' Basketball**

Mike Moscarelli is waiting to see what is going to happen before any plans can be made

## **Basketball Clinic**

### **Commissioner Joyce**

Spoke about the upcoming basketball clinic to be held on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Memorial Park.

Commissioner Joyce felt that this would be a good test for us to judge whether we could conduct spring sports in a safe manner due to COVID.

Commissioner Morrell thanked him for donating his time to do the clinic.

Commissioner Morrell asked that we put new nets on the basketball rims.

Director Como stated that it has already been done.

## **Old Business**

### **Bedford Field**

Director Como stated that he sent all commissioners both bids for the field work at Bedford.

There were 2 quotes \$2,975.00 from Tri County and \$4,960.00 from Field Pro.

Commissioner Morrell stated to make sure that the scope of work to be done is the same

Chairman Prulello stated that both companies were give the same job description

**Commissioner Kostantakis made a motion to accept the lower bid. 2nd by**

**Commissioner Prulello. Roll call taken Motion carried 5 yes & 2 no.**

Commissioner Morrell stated that someone should be there to observe the work being done is being done correctly.

## **New Business**

**Director Como stated he received a request from suspended Competition Cheering Coach Kelly Foss to be reinstated as a coach for Dumont Recreation.**

Commissioner Godlewski stated that it will be one year on November 23<sup>rd</sup> since the incident occurring. Within that time, she has had no issues that have come to our attention.

Commissioner Devito asked have there been any issues with her being reinstated or has there been any issues with her and children

Commissioner Godlewski said nothing has been brought to our attention.

Director Como stated that the incident in question did not occur while she was coaching. The incident occurred while she was attending as a parent.

The incident was at a football cheering show case.

Commissioner Devito asked if it was an incident between her and another parent

Commissioner Godlewski stated that Ms. Foss had an issue with a couple of junior coaches she allegedly grabbed their shoulders and started yelling at them.

The parents of the girls in question filed a police report with the Paramus Police Department, but never went any further with it.

Commissioner Morrell asked if we have been in contact with the parents of the two junior coaches.

Director Como stated that he has not had any contact with the parents since we notified them of the suspension. Como did tell them that the commission did suspension her indefinitely.

Commissioner Morrell asked Commissioners Joyce and Lezette if this could come back and haunt us.

Commission Joyce stated that if our by-laws stated that we have the right to suspend her we can. In addition, if our bylaws state that we have the right to reinstate then we can as well. In addition, if the parents' chose to pursue this matter criminally, they would one year to do so. Commissioner Lezette asked that are we allowed to vote on this in an open meeting or does it need to be a special meeting.

Director Como stated that this does not have to be in a closed session, it can be done in a public meeting.

**Commission Godlewski made a motion to reinstate Kelly Foss as a Dumont Recreation Coach effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Morrell. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Commissioner Morrell would like to make a motion to have in person meetings. Commissioner Joyce stated that the COVID-19 numbers are going up. We had an event not long ago and there were positive cases as a result. He recommends that we do not bring this issue to a vote at this time.**

**Due to the information provided by Commissioner Joyce, Commissioner Morrell withdrew his motion.**

**Columbia Field (Sugar & Spice)**

Commissioner Harris said the lip around the junior field is about a foot higher than the clay. The field could be a safety hazard for the kids to play on.

Commissioner Harris recommends that we put a committee together to develop a job spec.

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion that the field committee see what needs to be done at the field and get quotes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Devito. Roll call take motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourn at 7:37pm**

**Submitted By**

  
**Tony Como Director**

# **By Laws Committee Meeting Update**

## **1. First meeting since March and Pandemic: Monday 8/31**

- **Attendees:** Mike Prulello,(Rec Chair) Tony Como,(Rec. Director) Brian Joyce(Rec.Commissioner), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner), Connor Gorman(Council Liaison to Rec Commission), Ron (Attorney advising the By-Laws Committee)
- **Summary of Meeting:**
  - We reviewed what was discussed in the first meeting in March
  - Informed the Attorney we wanted to know what we can and can not put into the by-laws citing examples of what we wanted to have in. (Example: Meeting Structure, Roles of Commissioners, and Director, etc)
  - Asked if he had the notes from the Attorney(Molly) from our first meeting to help guide us(He did not)
  - We decided on using a template from another Commission's By-Laws (Washington Borough, Warren County, NJ) to use as a starting point and then we would take out what we did not like and keep what we liked in
  - We finished the meeting setting a date to meet without the Attorney or Council Liasion at which point each of us would have made individual notes on the template to discuss at said meeting.

## **2. Second Meeting: Tuesday 9/15**

# **By Laws Committee Meeting Update**

- **Attendees:** Mike Prullelo(Rec Chair), Tony Como(Rec. Director), Brian Joyce(Rec.Commissioner), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner)
- **Summary of Meeting:**
  - Attendees went over the template agreed upon at the last meeting to revise
  - Director Como read each Article of the By-Laws section by section.
  - We discussed our notes and made agreed upon corrections of language where needed
  - We continued that process and finished approximately 1/3 of the By-Laws template
  - We agreed upon a date for the next meeting, Tuesday 9/22 to resume the process stated above

## **3. *Third Meeting: Thursday 9/24***

- **Attendees:** Mike Prullelo(Rec Chair), Tony Como(Rec. Director), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner)
- **Summary of Meeting:**
  - Attendees continued to revise the By-Laws template
  - Director Como read each Article of the By-Laws section by section.
  - We discussed our notes and made agreed upon corrections of language where needed
  - We finished the template the rough draft of the template and gave our notes to Brian Joyce to write a rough draft
  - There will be a final meeting next week to discuss any addendums needed.
  - At the conclusion of that meeting we will send our rough draft to the lawyer to proof read before we bring it to the rest of the Commission to be voted on.