

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting

March 1st, 2023

Bill Hanley	Absent
Paul Shoyinka	Present
Joe Algieri	Present
Jennifer Grom	Present
Jeff Devito (Vice Chairman)	Present
Euris Rivas (Chairman)	Present
Mike Petriello	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Christie Prepis (alt #2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilwomen Aponte	Present

Chairman Rivas called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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 posted on the Borough web site.

Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk"

Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting

Commissioner Devito made the motion. 2nd by Commissioner Diore Roll call taken motion carried.

Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

Open Public Participation Commissioner Shoyinka made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Petriello Roll call taken motion carried.

Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting

Commissioner Diore made the motion. 2nd by Commissioner Algieri Roll call taken motion carried.

Directors Report

Director Como reminded the Commissioners to have the programs send their practices and game calendars to the recreation office. It is getting close to the start of the season.

Director Como stated that the winter season is starting to wine down. Spring is picking up. The track program has 97 kids registered so far. I spoke with Marc Ferrara who runs the bowling program so far, the first 2weeks everything is going great.

At this time Director Como open the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Jeff Devito was nominated at the February Meeting and accepted.

Director Como asked if there are any other nominations. There being no other nominations as the secretary of the Commission. I cast one ballot to elect Commissioner Devito as Vice Chairman to term ending March 31st 2025. Congratulations Commissioner Devito.

Program Report

Commissioner Devito

Boys' Basketball Travel & Recreation

See attached

Jr Football & Football Cheering

See attached

Flag Football

See attached

Commissioner Shoyinka

Track and Field:

97 participants

Season runs from April to June

Practices are 2x a week

Meets are on Sundays (NJ Striders, Inc.)

Registration fee \$75

Girls' Volleyball:

Planning on having a spring season May9-June 8th

In the process of confirming gym times and dates

Girls Softball:

Regular registration opened on 1/10-2/3 Community Pass

Opening Day April 15th

Practices will begin late March

2nd Annual DGS Paint Night 3/10/23 at the Elks Club 7-10pm will raise \$ for new equipment and keep

Sponsor Opportunity: Organizations/Business can sponsor a team or advertise on 4x6 ft sign at Twin Boro or do both.

They must respond by 03/23/2023.

Commissioner Hanley

Soccer

Coaches will be meeting for travel coaches so they can discuss the spring season and tryouts for the fall.

Goals that are at the Columbia Field need to go to Gina's Field for spring

Goals that are Memorial need to go to Selzer and Mike Davis will tag the ones that need to be moved. He knows that they can't move them until the ground is not soft.

Wrestling

District Tournament was last weekend

Regional Tournament was this past weekend

The District Tournament had 7 wrestlers in 1st place, 7 wrestlers in 2nd place and 1 wrestler in 3rd place.

Regional tournament had three 2d place wrestlers, two 3rd place wrestlers and one 4th place wrestler

Commissioner Rivas

Men's Softball

- Registration closed with 84 signups, same as last year
Looking to begin the season on 4/15
- Asking for a permit for Monday - Friday from 8:30P to 10PM
- Requesting for the ability to extend the lights until 10:30PM when needed.

Roller Hockey

- Junior's made it to the finals but lost the championship
- Midgets have one week of play left

Commissioner Algieri

Summer Rec

Process of screening candidates for final interviews

Summer Basketball

Too far out from the start

Commissioner Prepis

The rec and travel seasons are coming to a close in the next 3 weeks. Our rec tournaments will be held:

3/4 2nd and 3rd grade

3/11 4th and 5th

3/18 6-8th

We'll have pizza and trophies/medals at the end of the day on each of these days. If anyone on the Rec board wants to attend they are invited of course.

Our 4 travel teams all look like they will make playoffs. It's the first time I can remember that all of them are making it.

Also, worth noting that all of the girls from the Selzer championship team started with the girl's rec program and all of the 8th graders played travel at some point

Commissioner Grom

No Report

Commissioner Petriello **Little League, Senior Ball**

Registration ended with

5-12's - 298

13-14's- 36

4's- 18(will remain open)

Open meeting - March 14th 7:30 at Borough Hall

Coaches clinic - held by Rutgers University Baseball staff - no cost to all coach's March 8th at 7:00
at the high school

CPR certification class - March 15th - no cost to coaches
Time and Place- TBD

Family cleanup day - April 1st

Old Business

Director Como review the applications for summer camp director for the second-round pf interviews there will be 3 or 4 candidates. The second round of interviews will be conducted by Counsel women Aponte, Commissioners Rivas, & Algieri.

Again, this year we will be featuring the bullying presentation that will be on the second day of camp.

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1st starting at 10:00am At the Little league Field

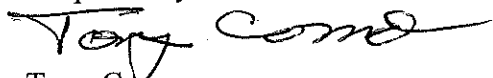
New Business

Nothing to discuss

Commissioner Diore made a motion to close the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:10pm

Respectively Submitted



Tony Como
Recreation Director

Flag Football Report for March 2023

Overview:

I have been in discussion with the Flag Football Program Coordinator Frank Collado to plan for the upcoming season. The following is the report of what has been going on over the last month

- Frank and I discussed the possibility of moving Flag Football to the Summer to benefit the program and all other fall programs.
- We discussed the issues involved with playing in the Fall versus the Summer (playing on school nights, cold weather, field availability, etc)
- We also discussed there being a possibility of more participants in Summer because there are few Summer programs and many Fall.
- The program would start in June and end by July 31st
- We discussed running the program weeknights from 6-10pm (if needed) 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday) @ DHS.
- On behalf of Flag Football we are requesting a to have Tony apply for a permit to use the DHS football field from 6-10pm (if needed) 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday)

Submitted by: Jeff DeVito

Boys Travel & Rec Basketball Report for March 2023

Overview: Boy's Travel

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

- The Boys Travel Program regular season is coming to an end.
- There are 180 + players in grades 2 - 8 will play on Multiple Levels (A,B & C) so players can compete and develop skills at the same time.
- The post-season is starting now with several of our teams making the playoffs.
- Following the playoffs there will be an end of the season dinner (date and time TBD)
- *Tony has been made aware of the following but needs to be resolved:*
 - Travel Program updated financials (there still has not been a meeting date made to rectify this issue)

Overview: Boy's Rec:

- The Boys Rec Basketball Program has begun week
- As we know their season was delayed due to lack of volunteer coaches.
- They have 139 participants in the program
- Discussions between myself and Ed Angeles have been had to rectify these problems moving forward for this season and next year.

Submitted by: Jeff DeVito

Jr Football & Cheer Report for March 2023

Overview:

The Jr Football Program Coordinator Candice Zayas and I have been working together with The Jr Football Cheer Coordinator Sherry Godlewski and Liaison Joanie Diore. The following is the report of what has been going on recently

- The league meeting was Thursday February 2nd.
- At the league meeting there were no rule changes, no new fees, costs, etc. for the 2023 season
- The league is going to have new leadership and board this season so they just wanted all towns to submit any changes we felt the new board should consider
- They also wanted each team to try and bring to the next meeting (this month) projected numbers and levels for each program (PW/JR/SR) .
- We will meet this month to plan for a parent meeting to start fundraising and set expectations for next year.
- Once we gather information from the parents, interest level, etc., we will present that info to the league meeting at the next meeting
- Since we are expecting to have 3 levels this season (PW/JR/SR), On behalf of Jr Football and Cheer, I would like to request that Tony put in for a permit to use the DHS Football Field Monday-Friday 5:30-8pm & Saturdays 2-10pm, from August through November, with the obvious contingent that we would not be able to use it when there are scheduled HS events.

Submitted by: Jeff DeVito