

## **Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

<b>Paul Shoyinka</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Frank Masella</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Brian Harris</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Marina Cambareri</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Joanie Diore</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Euris Rivas (Chairman)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mike Petriello (Vice Chairman)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Kristin Hayden (Alt #1)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Christie Prepis (alt #2)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Tony Como (Director)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Chris Kourelakos</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Councilmen Morrell</b>	

**Chairman Rivas 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 posted on the Borough web site.*

*Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk.*

*Chairman Rivas sworn in our new Commissioner Frank Masella*

**Commissioner Harris made a motion for the commission to go into closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hayden. Roll call taken Motion carried.**

**The Commissioners will now adjourn to the conference room.**

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

**Open Public Participation Commissioner Diore made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Petriello. Roll call taken motion carried**

**Alex Riba**

**Dumont Resident**

Alex explained his eagle scout project to make improvements to the hockey rink. Please see the attached information

**Commissioner Diore Made a motion to approve the scout project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Petriello. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Kelli Rooney Dumont resident**

**Laura Mielke, Dumont Resident**

Ms. Rooney read a statement with concerns that need to be addressed about the current state of the football cheering program. The statement was not submitted for the minutes.

Commissioner Diore stated that have been many conversations concerning the problems within the cheering program. When Commissioner Diore meet with the program director she came with a plan of action and was very enthusiastic about the current season. Commissioner felt that she would let her stay on under her supervision. Commissioner Dore stated that she would make sure that all protocols were follow information was distributed in a timely fashion and that schedules were given out. She also feels that everyone should be given a second chance. Commissioner Diore also stated that if anyone wanted to make a motion to have a change in the cheering leadership she would entertain it.

Chairman Rivas asked if there was anyone else who wanted to add to this statement.

**Ashley Grunewald Dumont Resident**

Ms. Grunewald stated the same issues that were previously discussed by the other coaches.

Commissioner Harris made a recommendation the we have a meeting with both sides so that the Commission can here both sides. So that a right decision can be made.

Chairman Rivas thank them for their comments. He stated that the commissioners should have some time to review all the information to be able to make a decision. They will take a vote next meeting.

**Gerry Aponte Dumont Resident**

Mr. Aponte asked if someone made a donation how do they get a receipt.

Director Como stated that he would be happy to write a letter stating that the donation was made to Dumont Recreation.

**Stephanie Hoffas Dumont Resident**

Ms Hoffas Stated that she would like to thank the board for getting her a report she has been trying to get for a few months. She is also trying to get another report that was requested.

Chairman Rivas stated that this seems to be a legal matter that the Commission should not get involved in.

Ms. Hoffas question the suspensions that were made at the meeting held the night before.

Chairman Rivas stated that those suspensions were made at the Mayor and council meeting. You need to address those issues with them.

Ms. Hoffas Question the actions taken by the little League with an incident that happen with a coach and a parent on the field. Where the coach used profanity towards the parent

She questions the punishment that was given to the coach which was probation for the rest of the season, while she was suspended indefinitely and she did not use profanity in her text messages.

Chairman Rivas told Ms. Hoffas that you were suspended by the Borough Administrator and you will need to take the issue up with him

Borough Attorney Geist stated that this is not an agenda Item for recreation and needs to be discussed with your attorney.

Commissioner Harris stated that the Commission will be having a special meeting with you and your attorney to discuss your suspension.

**Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public**

**Commissioner Masella Made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Borough Attorney Geist would like to make a statement there was a complaint made about 3 individuals one being Candice Zayas the Program chairman for the football program. There was a temporary suspension by the Borough Administrator pending an investigation There was a letter sent to Ms. Zayas and to the Mayor and Counsel providing them with information concerning the investigation.**

**Chairman Rivas asked Ms. Zayas if she has enough information for us to move forward.**

**Her Response was yes.**

**Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to lift the suspension of Candice Zayas that was enacted by the Borough Administrator.**

**Commissioner Shoyinka as for the motion to be reread.**

**The Motion was, made by Commissioner Diore. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Petriello. Roll call take 5yes 2 no's motion carried.**

**Chairman Rivas aske Ms. Grunewald if she had enough information for us to move forward.**

**Ms. Grunewald respond yes**

**Commissioner Harris made the motion to lift the suspension enacted by the Borough Administrator. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cambareri. Roll call taken 6 yes and 1 no motion carried.**

**Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to approved the minutes from the February Meeting**

**Commissioner Diore Made the motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rivas. Roll call taken 5yes & 2 abstentions. Motion Carried**

### **Director Report**

Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Park.

### **Commissioner Hayden**

#### **Softball**

Winter

Spring

Current Registration- 193 players

Tball 4 teams

Coach Pitch 7 Teams

Juniors 5 Teams

5-6 grade 2 teams to play in the kinderkamack League

7-8 grade 2 teams to play in the Kinderkmack League

Along with Little league held a free CPR course

There will be a clinic during spring break with the High School Coaches

Opening Day April 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Travel Soccer**

**Winter**

7 teams playing at the Teaneck Armory

D Division Training Continues for top players

**Spring**

11 Teams training with a trainer.

10 Teams playing in the NCSNJ

Offer goalie training to spring teams

Fields to be measured and lined (lining on a weekly basis

**Recreation Soccer**

Season has ended

Requesting AED for Fields

Requesting a light above the door at the hut for Safety

**Commissioner Shoyinka**

Coach Kelly Sprengel is taking over for Coach Nicole Paduano

Program will take place Tuesday's and Thursday's 6pm-8pm @ Lincoln school

Spring season will begin 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April and run until 1<sup>st</sup> week in June.

\$40 cost

Registration is full at 40 participants

**Track and Field:**

Registration for Track and Field is open

Program will begin at the end of march and finish early June

The cost of the program is \$75.00

Summer Basketball:

No Report

**Commissioner Rivas****Men's Softball**

Held the Draft last night-Had 19 new players join

League is at 90 players - 6 teams of 15 players

Would like to start Games 4/1 - If the field is open

Still waiting for permit that was requested last month

Shed- Would like to keep or Share. The shed is already being share with Flag football

**Roller Hockey**

No Report

**Commissioner Diore****Cheering**

Due to the information provided this evening a meeting will be held with all participants to discuss the cheering issues. When everything is settled we will than have a coaches meeting.

Dumont Recreation cheering and the Dumont High School cheerleaders will be having a clinic on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm at Dumont High School the cost is \$40.00

**Commissioner Prepis****Girls Basketball:**

We have the season ending rec tournaments the next 3 Saturdays at Lincoln school.

Travel playoffs are starting next week. It looks like we'll have either 5 or 6 of our 7 teams in the playoffs. We are getting together spring teams now. It looks like we will have 3 or 4.

**Boys Basketball:**

Travel: Regular season has concluded. 5 teams made the playoffs. 2 teams remain in the playoffs.

Rec: Currently in week 5. HS boys and girls are reffing, doing a great job.

All invoices will be submitted this week for both Rec, travel, and referee fees.

**Commissioner Petriello**

## **Flag Football- nothing to report**

## **Senior Baseball/ Little League**

Little league will be having an open meeting on 3/14/24 7:30 at the Borough hall

Clean up day April 6th

Picture day April 7th

Opening Day April 13th

Travel tryouts April 28th

Family Day June 9th

Please check [www.dumontlittleleague.com](http://www.dumontlittleleague.com) for any updates

## **Old Business**

Director Como announce that nominations are reopen for the office of chairman currently Euris Rivas & Brian Harris have been nominated for the office of Chairman.

Director Como asked if there are any other nominations, since there are no other nominations are closed. We will now have and election.

The Vote was 4 to 3 in favor of Commissioner Harris will take over April 1<sup>st</sup> for a 2-year term.

Director Como Announce that nominations are reopened for the office of Vice Chairman.

Currently Euris Rivas and Mike Petriello have been nominated.

Director Como asked if there are any other nominations.

Commissioner Rivas nominated Commissioner Diore

Director Como asked Commissioner Diore if she accepts the nomination. Diore said yes

Director Como asked if there are other nominations There being none Director Como closed Nominations. We will now have and election.

Director Como announce that there is a tie between Commissioners Diore & Petriello.

We will now have a runoff election

Director Como announce that the new Vice Chairman to fulfill the unexpired term is Commissioner Petriello.

Commissioner Hayden stated that at last meeting a committee was established to review the current by laws. they had a 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the borough attorney and Councilman Chris Kourelakos

Chairman Rivas stated that there was a vote to form a committee but no committee was formed.

Commissioner Harris Stated that Commissioner Hayden, Prepis and Harris were to be the committee. Harris stated that he did not need to be on the committee asked is anyone else interested Commissioner Petriello offered to serve on the committee.

**New Business**


Commissioner Cambareri spoke about starting a women's softball league  
Director Como stated that the subject has not be discussed for years.  
There needs to have someone step-up to run it and put a plan together.

Commissioner Cambareri would to start a community theater Group. She would like to know  
what needs to be done to accomplish this.

Chairman Rivas stated that you would need to put a plan together where would you run it. what  
time frame what would your budget be, how long the program would run.  
Commissioner Petriello offered the use of Tutor's link.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectively Submitted

  
Tony Como

Recreation Director



## Alex Riba-Eagle Scout project 2024-Troop 64 Dumont NJ

### Project Proposal: Renovation and Enhancement of Local Hockey Rink for Eagle Scout Project

#### 1. Executive Summary:

I am proposing an Eagle Scout project focused on revitalizing and improving our community hockey rink. The project aims to enhance the overall safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the scorekeepers box and the scoreboard. Along with providing a more enjoyable and safer experience at the Dumont Hockey Rink.

2. Project Objectives: Renovate the scorekeeper's box for improved functionality and its aesthetic such as fixing the windows, replacing old pieces of wood, and applying a new paint job. Fixing the scoreboard for the new season. Cleaning up and improving the aesthetics of the bench and implement a sustainable maintenance plan to ensure the long-term viability of the improvements.

#### 3. Methodology:

Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the current state of the hockey rink, identifying areas that require improvement. Collaborate with local businesses, community members, and hockey organizations to gather input and support for the project. Organize volunteer workdays to carry out the planned renovations, utilizing local scouts, community members, and skilled professionals as needed. Work closely with relevant authorities to obtain necessary permits and approvals for the proposed enhancements.

#### 4. Expected Outcomes:

A safer and more functional hockey rink, providing an improved playing environment for local hockey enthusiasts. Increased community pride and engagement through collaborative efforts to enhance a shared recreational space. A sustainable maintenance plan ensuring the ongoing upkeep of the improved facilities.

#### 5. Budget:

A detailed budget breakdown will be provided upon project approval, covering expenses such as materials, equipment rental, landscaping supplies, and any professional services required.

#### 6. Timeline:

The project is anticipated to be completed within a reasonable timeframe, with a phased approach that allows for efficient and organized execution.

#### 7. Monitoring and Evaluation:

Regular progress reports will be provided to project stakeholders, including the local community, Scout leaders, and relevant authorities. Feedback will be actively sought to ensure that the project meets the needs and expectations of the community.

#### 8. Conclusion:

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the improvement of our local hockey rink and create a lasting impact on the community. Your support in approving this project will help make these enhancements a reality and benefit all those who utilize and appreciate this recreational facility.

Thank you for considering my proposal. I look forward to discussing this project further and addressing any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Alex Riba

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