

# Board of recreation commissioners Meeting December 5, 2018

## Roll Call:

Gerry Aponte (Chair)	Present
Chris Snell	Absent
Dino Kostantakis	Present
Eugene Godlewski	Absent
Don Morrell	Phone In
Mike Prulello Altn. #1	Present
Jeff Devito Altn #2	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilwoman Stewart	Present

Chairman Aponte called the meeting to order at 7:16pm

*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*

*At the Borough hall*

*Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk*

## Open Public Participation

**Dino made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike  
Roll call taken Motion Carried**

## Open Public

Dom Pierno, Mary Davis, Steve Valdez, Carlos Molina Michael Boyce

Parents from Dumont girls' softball 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team game to the meeting to discuss issues with DGSB, They wanted to know what they get for their \$200.00 registration fee. They also discussed that they were never told what the fee was. They were told several different numbers. Mary Davis said she was told \$250.00 she also said when she question it they said they would return here check she never received her check back Jamie O'Neill said that all the checks that were received were made out for \$200.00., Jamie said that he has copies of all the checks.

Tony will send out the Email to schedule the meeting with the parents

Don wanted to know why they did not know what they had to pay

Jamie stated that he assumed that everyone paid

Don stated that was unacceptable to allow that to happen

Jeff stated that the issues are the parents wanted to know what the right amount was what they get for the money. Jeff requested that Girls' softball supply an itemized list of What the cost are to play travel softball. The parents stated that there was no issue about paying they were waiting on the invoice.

Jimmy Reilly DGSB travel coach Jim stated that he has been a travel coach for many years and the Fee has always been \$200.00. Jim stated that the bags were bought for the first time last year

Rocco stated that the bags were bought last year because there was a surplus in the budget with the idea that there would be Minimal cost in futures to purchase bags for the new players to the program.

Gerry stated that in the future coaches will not be allowed to collect money or checks everything will go through Community pass all monies must be brought to the recreation office.

Jamie wanted to discuss a possible tournament dates this year May 31st till June 2nd

Dom wanted to know who controls softball funds

Gerry stated that the program controls their funds but they need to get major purchase approved by the commission.

Mike stated that we are meeting on Monday to try to finalized the plans for Gina's field And the backstop at twin Boro was moved back.

Michael stated that the girl's field are not in very good shaped

## **Ken Sobek**

### **Flag Football**

Stated that there's a lot of concern from parents, coaches, players about the status of flag football. For the coming seasons

Mike stated that it will be played in the summer and fall as previously discussed.

Ken stated that the people in town want the 14 to 17 year olds flag program in the fall  
Corin Seccora

Wants to know why her son cannot play flag football in the summer and the fall

Corin stated that there are ton of children going into high school that want to continue to play flag football her son will never play tackle football

Steve Orso stated that he has 2 boys under this plan one boy will play in the summer and one will play in the fall he stated that they both should be allowed to plat in each season. You will have multiple families in the same situation

Carole asked about how many kid would be playing in the fall

Corin stated that a lot of the incoming 9th graders would play

Ken stated that at least 30 kids that he knows of. Ken also stated that putting a program in July would kill the program

Gerry stated the program was discussed it was decided that we would try it we asked Ken to help if he decides not we will still move on with program

Mike stated that when we discussed this with you we discussed that when registration for the fall we would add the summer program at a discount Mike ask ken if that was done.

Ken stated that he understood it to be the fall 2019 and the summer of 2020

Mike stated that the commissioner voted to have high school flag in the summer and not in the fall.

Corin Stated is there a way for the commission vote to be repealed

Gerry stated that you could appeal to the mayor and counsel. But the process will be sent back to the commission with their recommendations

Dennis Boos stated that another motion could be made to open the discussion for the program.

Corin made a motion to allow High School flag football in the fall of 2019 Motion was  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Rodriguez

**Don made a motion to Table the discussion on fall flag football to a future meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> By Mike roll call taken motion carried**

**Pat Sullivan**

Asked when the commission voted to move the K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the summer  
Gerry stated we will review the minutes and get back to him

**Rocco Giangregorio**

**Ed Angeles**

Rocco stated that he wanted to inform the commission on the programs progress. The fee for 2019ll be \$230.00 up from last year's fee of \$130.00. The reason for the increase as they are purchasing new uniforms this year The kids are getting uniforms, warmups and bags Rocco broke down the pricing of each Item.

Rocco would to request from the BOE to allow them to put a banner in the gym to display their championships

Ed stated that they would also like to a logo on the gym floor it is made out of non-slip Vinyl that can be removed when the floor need sto be refinished

Tony stated to send him a picture of both and he will submit the request to the BOE

Carole asked How Kid in the program this year

Rocco stated that they will have 12 teams this season

Gerry asked that if they decide to raise or lower the fees please come to registration

Rocco asked why we requested rosters

Gerry stated that there were a couple of complaints that needed to be looked into if there was a problem we will get back to them

Ed stated that they were a month behind when they received the uniform bill can we expedite payment.

Tony stated that he will try he explain that the town only pays bill once a month the next council meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> the bills list is publish the Friday before

ED explain that the delayed in tryouts set the program back a month

Gerry stated that if you could split invoices it could help the process

**Mike Moscarelli**

**Girls' basketball**

Travel fee this season is \$140.00 there 56 girls registered for travel  
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Rocco thanked Mike for his cooperation to work out Gym Time

**Men's Softball**

**Ralph Williams's .Ed Giesiman Kurt Luhman Remy Valdez**

Ralph spoke the amount of Emails that have been going around concerning that some rules and by laws were either broken or changed

Gerry spoke about the Illegal bats that were used

Gerry said that there is one item that needs to be discussed in closed session

Gerry spoke about the code of conduct Gerry also stated that the commission has no intention stopping men's Softball from playing

Ralph spoke about the bat rules that are in the by-laws  
Gerry stated that the person who tried to paint an illegal bat should have been removed from the league  
Ralph stated prior to the game the umpires and the team captains are responsible to check the bats.  
Starting with 2019 season they will be only using bats  
Mike stated to the group about a couple text messages stating that they are fighting to keep certain players in the league. Mike wanted to know who are fighting.  
Ed stated that Eugene called him and asked him to remove the People off of twin boro Because they were playing ball without a permit. Also the field was being reseeded.  
Remy stated that there was a misunderstanding with certain comments  
Ralph stated that 2 prior commissioners told Men's softball that this other group was using their bases and softball. Ralph had the combination to the lock changed  
Tony stated that twin Boro is a green acres field but all organized ball playing must be permitted  
Gerry said that the 2018 election was nullified due to the fact that only half the league new about the election.  
Only the new players will be asked for a proof of residence

### **Mike Davis**

#### **Dumont Soccer**

Mike stated that the season is over we had a rough year due to the weather  
All games were played except 7 games those games were due to the mosquito spraying  
Soccer will be having an end of year party at the Elks Club December 16 12-2 & 2-4  
410 kids participated this year.  
Mike Wanted to thank the board of Ed for the use of the fields and to recreation for the use of memorial. Form the most part everything went smooth

**Don made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dino**  
**Roll call taken motion carried**

### **Directors Report**

Coaches certification meeting on December 14 at the senior center 7:00pm  
Tony notified all active programs.  
Tony Stated that he will need a motion from the commission to approve our 2019 meeting all meetings are on the first Wednesday except July. It will be July 10<sup>th</sup> instead of July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Jeff made a motion that recreation meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month except for July 3<sup>rd</sup> which will be moved to July 10<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll call taken motion carried**

Tony wanted to review the Boro purchasing Policy anything over \$1000.00. Needs 3 quotes nothing can be ordered unless a purchase order # has been given. All invoices must be turned into the Recreation office with a PO # on it or it will not be paid.  
We did received a \$1000.00 grant for Soccer. We also received a grant for basketballs  
Tony stated that the fishing program will not happen this year he will explain when we go into close session

## **Committee Reports**

### **Jeff**

#### **Little league**

Meeting was held on 11/28

Dennis Boos open the meeting Dennis stated that there will be monthly meeting with minutes. Mark reviewed the 2018 season. There was only one parent refused to due hut duty. The parents were happy with the new hut schedule last season they used a new web site the rsults were good they will continue to use it again this year. This year registration will have a discount of \$5.00. Between 2/1 & 2/8 there will be a \$40.00 Late fee. Flyers will be delivered to the schools .There will be no late sign ups after Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Uniforms must be ordered 6 weeks out that why they have the deadline .Prices went down this year. Opening day ceremonies will be on 4/6 same program as last year Farm and coach pitch will start 5/4. There will be indoor clinics for the younger ages indoors at Dumont High school starting in March.

Jeff asked that after the parade festivities are over can they use the fields for games

Tony stated that the fields will be available s after 3:00pm

Field maintenance will be done on the major field this off season the Mound will be rebuilt and the infield lip will be removed also a manual sprinkler head will be installed to water the infield between games

Marked stated that Joe Bischer and Sal Fussillo Stepped down in the interim

Kyle lezzette and Mike Gracey have join the little board

Mike stated that for this year they started a little sluggers program.

Little would like to have link on the recreation website

Gerry asked if they had a policy on hardship cases. Mark stated that they go through social services

#### **Boy's recreation Basketball**

Jess stated that he spoke with Brian to date there about 100 kids in the program. Brian is hoping to have the draft within the next 10 days .Season will start after the new year They are still in need of coaches. Web site is up and running. Brian will be getting a locjk box for the gyms to keep the balls in.Brian said they he had a complaint from a parent about playing time. He will be explaining to all coaches that this is a rec league. All players should get equal amount of playing time.

#### **Boy's Travel basketball**

See open portion of the meeting

### **Dino**

#### **Wrestling**

50 Kids sign up

1<sup>st</sup> home match will be in February

#### **Girls' basketball**

So far 85 girls have sign up .

Signups still open

### **Men's softball**

There in the process of revising their rules and by laws

### **Mike**

Jeff give the report for little league

Mike stated they we are getting estimates to better secure the little league major field minor field and senior baseball field

### **Eugene**

**No report**

### **Chris**

**No Report**

### **Don**

**No Report**

### **Old Business**

Complaint Form will be included in the coach's manual

Tony recommended a committee of 3 to due the manual

Mike Tony, Jeff will be the committee

Parents and coaches code of conduct are on some of the registration form

Jeff stated that each group should have a parent's code of conduct.

Travel basketball has a code of conduct that recreation be reviewed

Tony said that there was a discussion at the last meeting that Jeff brought that was tabled until this meeting.

**Jeff made a motion to allow any quasi or recreation travel program to opt out providing they have the follow their own insurance, 501-c and all teams must only have Dumont children no out of towners. They would not be charged for a field or a court. No program will be forced out of recreation If they remain with recreation all recreation policies must be followed. All registration will come through community pass. Jeff explain this would be for travel programs only.**

**A discussion was held discussing the pros and cons of the motion**

**No one 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion there was no vote**

Dennis Boo's stated that Dumont recreation is looking do away with quasi programs

Jeff stated that was not the intent of the motion

Gerry stated that was a statement made by Don and it is not the intent of the commission.

Mike stated that there will be a meeting on 12/10 to review drawings for Gina's field.

### **New Business**

Gerry read the Mission & vision statement of the Recreation commission He also read the philosophy Statement.

Gerry talked about the recreation department about providing Community service hour to individuals who need them through the county. Depending on the situation.

Gerry stated the commission was trying to form a disciplinary committee to deal with certain issues that may arise that need recreation involvement.

Janet Boyhen has offer to help out with the committee.

Jeff stated that we should start with a celebration committee first

Gerry spoke about the elections of the chairman and vice chairman

Mike stated that when he asked the question about running the program mike said that he resigned.

Don stated that Pete Musse and John keefe and Donnie Started the program years ago through recreation all proceeds went into the recreation account.

Carole stated that we should still have the meeting with Kenny

Jeff asked if anyone knows of the stipulations were when Kenny took over the program

Mike stated that the information he had gotten that there was an issue paying referees a higher fee then what should've been

**Dino made a motion to approve the October 3rd Minutes 2nd by Mike roll call taken 4 yes 1 abstention Motion carried**

**Dino made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff roll call taken motion carried 4 yes 1 abstention motion carried**

**Correspondence**

**None**

**Council liaison**

**No Report**

**Mike made a motion to close the meeting 2nd by Dino roll call taken motion carried**

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:35pm**

Submitted  
Tony Como  
Director

