

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting May 5th 2021

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

Director Como called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

*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 Morell made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como asked if there were any public that would like to speak. Since there were no public Director Como asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

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

Directors Report

Director Como Stated that there will be a summer camp this summer he is waiting for Mayor LaBruno and Administrator Tully to review the plan that was presented. Director Como also sent the plan to Commissioners Joyce, Devito, & Diore they were part of the camp committee. Camp dates will be July 6th thru August 13th. Once I receive the final approvals I will send it to the rest of the Commission.

Program Reports

Commissioner Devito

Men's Softball

See Attached

By Laws Committee

See attached

Commissioner Shoyinka

Track is up and running and going very well no problems at this time

Commissioner Shoyinka Stated that he has spoken to a few of the parents and they were very happy with the program.

Commissioner Joyce

Please see attached report

**Commissioner Morrell
Girls' Softball**

Commissioner Morrell stated that we are currently working through some issues. Working with DPW to have fields pep DPW will not line the fields. Just like all other programs they will have to line their own fields.

**Commissioner Lezette
Little League baseball**

The Current season is going very well, All covid protocols are being followed. Dumont Little league would like permission to paint the dugouts silver and orange

Commissioner Lezette Made a motion to allow Little league to paint the dugouts silver with the orange stripe. 2nd by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried.

Jr. Football

Commissioner Devito stated that this is the same program we were going to have last year before Covid hit. Please see attached Flyer

Commissioner Devito stated the importance of having a Jr. Football program it has long term effects on our cheering program, High school program and all other programs that surround the football program.

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

**Commissioner Morrell
Summer Basketball**

Commissioner Morrell stated that a meeting was held with Commissioners Morrell, Godlewski, Prulello, & Director Como with Coach Martoral. The first meeting we had was a discussion on having a high school basketball tournament the end of July could be up to 2 weeks. Depending on how many courts he would need he would purchase pole protection pads as his fee for using the courts.

The second discussion was concerning the summer basketball program. His Program would one day per week with a \$100.00 fee with no reimbursement to recreation.

We had a second meeting with John Keefe and Mike Moscarelli concerning some of the changes we would like to make. \$65.00 registration fee. No more than \$15.00 for a jersey, & a \$20.00 fee for referees per game

The Recommendation of the committee is to have John keefe run the summer basketball program.

Commissioner Lezette wanted on clarification that Coach Martoral would charge \$100.00 and the money would stay with his program, where john Keefe is volunteering to run our program.

Commissioner Morrell Made a motion to accept John Keefe to run the summer basketball program. 2nd By Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion Carried

Commissioner Devito made a motion to allow Coach Martoral to run the High School summer tournament. Pending he completes all items that was negotiated by the committee. 2nd by Commissioner Morrell. Roll call taken Motion dose not carry 3yes & 3 abstentions.

Commissioner Harris asked how much is he charging for the Tournament

At this team we do not know. Commissioner Harris said that we should be consistent in what we charge for use of our fields

Commissioner Morrell Stated that the Commission would buy all the pads depending on how many courts he would use is the amount of pads he would pay us for.

Commission Devito asked if there was a time line for when the High school program was going to start.

Director Como Stated that the program wasn't going to start until the end of July.

Commission Devito requested that the committee let Coach Martoral know the results of the vote so that he is not Caught off guard.

Director Como brought up the Senior awards. Every year we sponsor 6 awards for the graduating seniors.

The program this year will be held in the school with just the parent's players and coaches. Director Como reviewed the awards with the Commission.

Commissioner Harris Made a motion to accept recreation sponsor the Six senior awards. 2nd by Commissioner lezette. Roll call taken motion carried

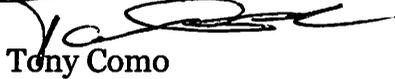
Director Como brought up the purchasing of the pole pads. Whether coach Martoral purchase them or not. The Committee feels for safety purposes we should purchase them. The Total cost for 6 would about \$650.00. Commissioner Devito asked that we will be using them for the summer program. Director Como stated that as long as we have a program on the courts the pads will be on the poles.

Commissioner Devito Made a motion that we purchase the pole pads. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette Roll call taken motion carried.

Commissioner Harris Informed the Commissioners that the Columbia Junior project will start on Monday.

Commissioner Lizette made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Commissioner Harris. roll call take motion carried. 7:56pm

Submitted by



Tony Como

Recreation Director

By Laws Committee Meeting Update

***Second Attorney Review - Monday 5/3**

- **Attendees:** Mike Prullelo(Rec Chair), Tony Como(Rec. Director), Brian Joyce(Rec.Commissioner), Jeff DeVito(Rec. Commissioner) Connor Gorman (Council Liaison to the Commission) Molly Lustig(Attorney)

- **Summary of Meeting:**
 - We continued to go over the rough draft that was revised by Molly(the attorney)

 - Most of the changes Molly made to our original document were due to borough ordinances or state statutes that we were not aware of

 - Other changes that were made were to “clean-up” our language to read more professionally and make the document more concise

 - The By-Laws Committee agreed with all the changes made and were happy with the final draft presented by Molly

 - Our final steps in the process are as follows:
 - 1.Have Tony send the Molly the Food Hut Equipment page to be added
 - 2.Have Molly proof read the final draft before adding the page numbers
 - 3.Send the final draft to the rest of the Commission for review before voting on it tentatively by the next meeting
 4. Ask the commissioners to send Tony or Mike any questions to send to Molly after reviewing the document so she can be prepared to answer them in advance or at the next meeting.
 5. Vote on the By-laws (tentatively) at the next meeting

Men's Softball report for May 2021

Overview:

I have been in contact with Tom Metz, President of Men's Softball in regards to the current state of their program. The following is the report:

- Men's Softball requested a few things from the Recreation Department:
 - Lights curfew at Twin-Boro extended to 10:30(this was approved by the mayor and council on April 27th)
 - The Jr. Football sled to be moved from left field (DPW is to move it when they get the man power)
 - The lights are shining in the batter's eye (Tony answered that the lights are a capital project and which have been submitted)
 - There are lights out on the 1st base side (See above from Tony)
- All other aspects of the program are running smoothly.
- They have been reminded, as have other spring programs, to continue the covid protocols even though things are opening up in the state

Commissioner Joyce's Report – Wednesday 5/5/21 Recreation Meeting

Soccer:

Dumont Soccer started a Sunday clinic which began this past Sunday 5/2. And will be the following five (5) Sunday's:

5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 6/6 and 6/13 from 9am to noon. There are 3 groups that each train for 45 minutes with a 15-minute gap for COVID precautions. In addition, each child attending must complete the Google COVID form and are temperature checked in as well. Attendance was great and the feedback from parents / children was too.

Middle School Softball:

The modified season for Middle School Softball has started. There are only a few teams in the league this year due to Covid. Coach Mike Boyce has reported no issues and the girls are excited to have this program, which is the first Middle School team league for our girls to participate in.

Coach Certification Class:

A class was held on Wednesday 4/14 via Zoom. It was well attended and another certification class will be tentatively held on Monday 5/17 – information will be sent to all league heads.

Bedford Field Update:

I met with both owners (Mike and Todd) of Tri-State on Tuesday 5/4 to discuss concerns regarding Bedford Field work. I'm still disappointed that it took almost 6 months for anyone to have this discussion and as a commissioner not originally assigned to the project, I felt an impartial party to meet with them would be beneficial. At first, I was disappointed with the scope of the work not being completed to spec. Having worked closely with Tri-State while a board member of Little League I knew the type of work this company did and it was always first rate. However, it was shown to me that our own member(s) were the ones to drop the ball and Tri-State was left holding the bag. We were the ones to tell Tri-State to not sod the perimeter of the field and we were the ones to tell Tri-State that enough soil was placed into the left field area. I do feel that Tri-State was put into an awkward position and I told them that is solely why they did not get the

bid for Sugar and Spice. Both Mike and Todd were very appreciative of this meeting and I do feel that going forward the work at Bedford should **not** be held over them. They did offer to do further work, but the reality is the lack of a water system and the current season we are in it would be a waste of time, product and effort. I am recommending the following so that we never face a situation like this again:

- Spec Sheets for a job must be approved by committee before sending out
- Chairman / Vice Chair be given frequent status updates (spec sheet approved / sent, bids received, work issues)
- All bids received are to be sealed and mailed to Rec Office
- Only the committee **as a group** can open the bids
- If you are on a committee, see the project through to completion
- No one should override what the scope of work to be done is without permission from the committee or commission
- Everything is done in writing

I intentionally left names out of the above because we do not need a blame game. What was done is done, but it can not be repeated. We need to start being more consistent in order to move forward.