

# **Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting**

## **November 3, 2021**

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

**Chairman Godlewski 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"*

*Director Como Issued the oath of office to the new commissioner Euros Rivas.*

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

**Since there is no public present Director Como asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.**

**Commissioner Shoyinka Made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Joyce roll call taken motion carried.**

**Director Como ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, Meeting.**

**Commissioner Lezette made a motion to approve the Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Godlewski. Roll call Taken Motion Carried. With 1 abstention.**

### **Directors Report**

Director Como passed out the summer Camp Report

Director Como stated that the PO for the wrestling mats will be issued this week.

Director Como read a letter from the superintendent thanking us for contributing to the purchasing of the mats.

### **Program Reports**

#### **Commissioner Joyce**

#### **Soccer**

The regular season will be ending on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>

Travel season will end on the 21<sup>st</sup>

The Rain this season has been a challenge. Thanks to the High School AD he was able to provide us with more field time on the turf field.

### **Certification Class**

A class was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> attendance was good there were 18 potential coaches.

### **Fields**

When the fall programs are completed Columbia, Twin Boro, & Memorial will be air raided and seeded.

On Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> we met with members of Girls' Softball & Tri County the company who will be doing the field to lay out the second field.

### **Commissioner Devito**

No report at this time

### **Commissioner Morrell**

#### **Girls Softball**

Commissioner Morrell stated that he spoke with the Girls Softball Board concerning the office of program Coordinator. They all felt that Brian Harris would be good for the position. Last season was a banner year for the program. There were no problems all the girls were happy.

Commissioner Morrell spoke with Mike Boyce asked him to assist Brian next season.

**Commissioner Morrell Made a motion to have Brian Harris become the program coordinator of Dumont Girls Softball. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

### **Commissioner Shoyinka**

#### **Girls basketball**

The Clinics will be finishing up this Saturday. They were successful parents were very satisfied how the program was run.

Travel tryouts will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln School

Registration for girl's recreation basketball is open the cost is \$65.00

### **Commissioner Diore**

#### **Competition Cheering**

Commissioner Diore stated that other Sherry Godlewski she has had no contact with the other coaches she has sent several Emails with no response

Director Como Stated that the program started out really well they had 31 girls registered. Some of the girls return to the team they had last season in Garfield. We are now down to 13 girls.

Since there was no football cheering they started a dance team they have 31 girls registered

There is an issue with the stacking of the mats at Honiss school their stack to high for the coaches to reach them.

Director Como sent an Email to the Vice principal he replied saying that he will look into. To date have not heard anything back.

Commissioner Joyce stated this is why the new by-laws were created. That is the purpose of the liaison to work closely with the programs.

Commissioner Joyce stated that we could possible have them cheer for recreation basketball.

Commissioner Godlewski stated that he will be going to the gym to see if he can rectify the mat situation.

### **Commissioner Harris**

Commissioner Harris stated that the elks would do the hot dogs for the winter festival.

### **Flag Football**

The season will be ending in early November. Thanks to the AD he was able to get us some field time at the High School to help with the rainouts.

### **Roller Hockey**

They asked if the DPW can paint the lines

Commissioner Godlewski stated he has been asking Joe Reissner to have a group of parents come down help work on the rink.

Director Como stated that registrations are not good 5 for Rink Rats 25 for grades 4 thru 12.

### **Wrestling**

Currently there are 44 players registered

Currently there is an issue with the schools handing out flyers some schools are and some schools are not.

Director Como stated that he will look into the issue with the schools concerning flyers.

### **Girls' Softball**

Commissioner Harris stated that there was no registration fee charged for the fall program.

### **Commissioner Lezette**

### **Little League Baseball**

No Report

### **Jr. Football**

Commissioner Lezette stated that he spoke with the parent who wrote the Email. She is very interested in helping to get the program back.

The problem with the program why we don't have it is not only the low numbers, but no one step up to help organize the program and we had no one to coach.

Commissioner Lezette stated that the current plan is to put together a start up committee to help get the program up and running. The problem is not the players as much as it is the adults to run and coach the program.

Director Como stated that this is a common problem through Bergen county. Some towns have begun to hire coaches so that they will be able to offer programs.

Commissioner Joyce stated that the other problem today is that people no longer have 9 to 5 jobs. The programs may have to become more flexible to accommodate coaches.

### **Cameras**

Commissioner Lezette the quotes for the cameras at Memorial Park. he received a quote for about 6 to 7 Cameras, the quote came in around \$10,000.00.

### **Old Business**

No old Business

### **New Business**

Director Como Stated that Commissioner Devito asked that we schedule a meeting with the programs to review the new by-laws.

The Commission Agreed to schedule the meetings. The meeting will be invitation not mandatory we will have more than one meeting if needed

Director Como told the Commission that the restrooms at Memorial Park are now closed only to be open for sporting & town events due to the amount of damage being done.

Commissioner Harris spoke about winter blankets for the fields. The cost of the blankets would be about \$4,000.00.

**Commissioner Harris made a motion that we purchased the winter turf blankets. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Morrell. Roll call Taken motion carried.**

Director Como asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Diore roll call taken motion carried.**

**Meeting Adjourn 8:33pm**

Respectfully Submitted

Tony Como

Director

