

## **Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

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

**Chairman Godlewski 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*

*Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk"*

**Open Public Participation Commissioner Godlewski made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Diore. 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 Diore made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Shoyinka roll call taken motion carried.**

**Director Como ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Meeting.**

**Commissioner Godlewski made a motion to approve the Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rivas. Roll call taken motion carried with 1 abstention.**

### **Directors Report**

Director Como brought up the continuing issue of the payments of umpires & referees. We need to find a better system to pay them. They will not want to wait 45 days to be paid. We will lose the good officials if we do not pay them in a timely manner

There was a discussion by the commission Concerning how long it takes to pay the bills and game officials .Councilman Gorman said he will discuss it with BA Tully and CFO Abbasi.

Director Como stated that since the tragic incident he has received inquires about the commission running a CPR course.

Commission Joyce Stated that the Commission should not make it a requirement for coaching. The class is 4 hours long we have a hard enough time getting coaches to a certification class.

Commissioner Joyce Stated that the CPR Certification is only good for 2 years who is going to administer the program and keep track of everyone's certification. If individuals want to become certified that's a good thing but they would be responsible to keep track of their own certification.

Commissioner Joyce stated that this should not be part of our coaching requirements or on the Borough to require the certification. There is a lot of liability involved, case in point if there is a incident and a coach responds and their certification has expired and something goes wrong that would put the commission and the Borough at risk.

Commissioner Joyce recommends that we connect with Borough attorney Liebman to confer on this issue. Joyce asked Councilman Gorman if he would speak with him.

Commissioner Devito stated that he had spoken to Dennis Boos that several years ago he offered his time to teach the CPR class at a cost of \$15.00 per person. That option may still be available if we wanted to pursue it.

Director Como passed out a list of the meeting dates for 2022.

**Commissioner Devito made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Winter Festival will be held Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm start at Memorial Park.**

The New Girls' softball field construction at Twin Boro has started.

Chairman Godlewski & Director Como will be working on the new Commissioner assignments. They will be ready for the January Meeting.

## **Program Reports**

### **Commissioner Joyce**

#### **Soccer**

The soccer season has been completed. There were no issues except for a couple of Covid issues

#### **Fields**

Air raiding and seeding was completed this week. Field tarps will be put down on Thursday. The cost to put the tarps down was \$1,800.00, the cost of the pins \$125.00 for all the pins needed .

Memorial field the 3 soccer fields will be covered and Columbia the soccer field will be covered.

**There will be coach's certification class on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Elks club 7pm.**

### **Commissioner Devito**

Please see attached for Travel & Recreation Reports

For this upcoming season travel teams will be wearing a patch with Arron's name and number.

Travel Basketball sent an Email to the Recreation office saying that they would like to donate to the Vasquez family. Commission Devito will be discussing this later in the meeting.

#### **Men's Softball**

**No report**

**Commissioner Morrell**

**Girls Softball**

**No report**

**Commissioner Shoyinka**

**Girls basketball**

Tryouts for the travel teams were held on November 16, 17. Most of the teams have been put together.

Recreation basketball there are 120 girls sign up for Rec They will start mid-December

**Track**

**No report**

**Commissioner Diore**

**Competition Cheering**

Competition Cheering has cancelled their season because the cheering coach at the high school refused to practice at Honiss School so the cheering mats will not be moved to Honiss. So, the recreation team will not have access to them therefore they will have to cancel their season. A refund will be given to all of the girls.

Director Como stated that he spoke with A D Sutera about the situation he said that she is a high school coach if she wants to practice at the high school he has no choice but to let her.

The Pom Squad will be performing at the winter festival.

**Commissioner Harris**

**Wrestling**

Started Practice this week. There are 49 players registered.

There will be 1 home match January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**Roller Hockey**

They have requested that the lines be repainted.

Commissioner Godlewski stated we have research 3 companies and they all said that the job was to small and would not quote on it.

**Girls' Softball**

Winter workouts have started.

Girls' Softball would like to do several fund raisers next season

Shake the can, car wash, paint & sip, clothing sales,

Director Como stated that they would have to submit a form for each fundraiser to the commission.

### **Commissioner Lezette**

#### **Little League Baseball**

No Report

#### **Jr. Football**

No Report

#### **Old Business**

No old Business

#### **New Business**

Commissioners Joyce, DeVito, Godlewski meet with some of the program leaders to discuss the new by- laws to explain what the new structures will be.

Some of the issues that did arise was the need to have petty cash for each program.

Will be discussing it with the auditors.

The second issue that we would need to discuss with the auditors is the payment of referees & umpires.

Director Como stated that the officials do not want to wait 2 months to get paid. They would rather go to a town that will pay them on the field.

Commissioner DeVito stated with the way the situation is now we would not want our kids to miss out and any program or tournament because we could not pay in a timely manner. It would simplify things if the director had a checkbook so that he could pay certain things in a timely manner.

Councilman Gorman Sated that we may be able to have a conversation on finding a way to simplify the way we do things. The suggestion of the director having a checkbook could be a different discussion.

Director Como Discussed the process of how bills are paid in the borough. We need to find away to simplify the way officials are getting paid or we will not be able to get them because they won't want to come to Dumont.

Councilman Gorman will have a discussion with the CFO on how this is affecting all of the sports programs.

. Commissioner Devito stated that boy's travel basketball sent and email to Director Como requesting that they would like to donate to the Vasquez Family in the amount of \$1,000.00 from their account. Originally is was ok. The check was printed and due to a recommendation by the borough Attorney the check was voided. The recommendation is attached to the minutes.

**Commissioner Devito Made a motion to allow Travel basketball to use their funds to donate to the Vasquez Family**

**At this time Director Como had to stop the motion due to an Email received from the CFO from the Borough Attorney. Director Como read the letter to the Commission.**

Commissioner Devito stated that according to the statement just read it is a recommendation. Devito stated that the statement dose not say shall it says may. It does not say it is illegal so I would like to continue my motion.

Commissioner Harris recommended we refund his last 2 years of registrations

Commissioner Joyce recommends just ask the families of the travel basketball program to donate \$20.00 to the Vasquez Fund and give it to them.

Commissioner Devito Stated that even if we make a motion and pass it. It still will have to be approved by the town.

Commissioner Devito stated that he feels that this is something that should be reconsidered by the town and the attorney.

Commissioner Diore stated is it possible for the attorney meet with the members of travel basketball to see if there is another solution.

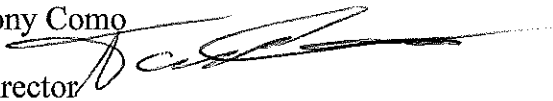
**Commissioner Diore made a motion to close the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion carried**

Meeting Adjourn 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tony Como

Director



# **Recreation Commission**

## **2022 Meetings**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Center**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**August No Meeting**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

# ***Boys Travel & Rec Basketball Report for December 2021***

## **Overview: Boy's Travel**

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

- Tryouts are complete and teams have been assembled from 2nd grade through 8th.
- The entire program along with the town is still grieving the loss of Aaron Vazquez.
- The Travel Program coaches and players attended the vigil last Wednesday night at the Sorosis Park along with other programs, coaches, teammates, classmates and loved ones.
- The Travel basketball Program along with others spoke about wearing a patch on their uniforms with Aaron's initials and number this season
- They have also submitted a request to make a donation to the Vazquez family that I will be making a motion on tonight

## **Overview: Boy's Rec**

- Boys recreation basketball registration is closing today
- Late registration will be open for another week with a late fee
- As of Monday there were a little more than 90 players registered from grades 2-8
- Once registration closes and coaches are selected for each grade level, teams will be drafted and parents will be notified.