

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

8:00pm

Conference Room 'B'

Glen Rock's Borough Hall

ATTENDANCE

The following members and officials were in attendance:

- Joan Orseck, Department of Parks and Recreation Council Liaison
- Mark Sabow, Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson
- Mark Barone, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Carlo Cella, Glen Rock Board of Education Representative
- Anne Camp, Member at Large
- James Leonard, Glen Rock Baseball and Softball Association
- Jeff Schaefer, Glen Rock Soccer Club
- Jamie Fisher, Glen Rock Junior Wrestling
- Colin Stephenson, Glen Rock Junior Football Association
- Don Grochan, Glen Rock Lacrosse Association
- Keith Stewart, Member at Large
- Karin Speizer, Glen Rock Shooting Stars
- Rob Rundle, Glen Rock Shooting Stars
- Rob VanLangen - Guest
- Eileen Hillock - Guest

REPORT READS AS FOLLOWS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes were submitted and reviewed by all members in attendance. The November 18th Meeting Minutes were accepted by Jim Leonard and seconded by Anne Camp. Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob VanLangen and Eileen Hillock from the Faber Field Committee were present to introduce themselves and discuss the goals of the Faber Field Committee. Jeff Schaefer asked who the members of the Faber Field Committee were. Rob Van Langen responded with the following names:

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1. James Treacy
2. Sean Brennan
3. Eileen Hillock
4. Scott King
5. John Cole

Rob stated he is a Certified Public Account by trade and a member of the Glen Rock Planning Board. Rob later explained he was first selected and appointed to chair the Faber Field Committee directly by Mayor Van Keuren. Soon afterwards, Rob appointed his committee members.

Rob stated that he has zero doubt that Faber Field must be renovated. With that being said, he also feels we don't utilize all fields in town effectively. Rob stated certain age groups should be assigned specific fields, for example utilizing the Main Street and Sycamore Athletic Fields for practice for younger athletes. In addition, the Faber Field Committee will try to get a better management system for all of the Borough's Athletic Fields. Rob continued to state that he has already met with various High School officials in hopes to obtain additional field time for all Recreational Athletic Organizations. Rob suggested that we implement a system and a policy in order to coordinate, manage, and ultimately rest fields each year. In conclusion, Rob suggested implementing a Field Reporting System to officially write and log any field issues in order to see that all issues are properly addressed and corrected.

Mark Sabow stated there are measures that certainly cannot change. For example, he stated the GRBSA already utilizes all of the available baseball/ softball fields and already assigns certain fields for specific age groups.

Karin Speizer added that if Soccer practiced at the Main Street and Sycamore Athletic Fields the lack of proper athletic lighting will be an issue, once the fall season progresses.

Carlo Cella stated the Board of Education's scheduling software, SchoolDude will be available in order to schedule both the Board of Education's and the Borough's Athletic Fields.

OLD BUSINESS - ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD UPDATE

- No report submitted.

RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Glen Rock Baseball Softball Association

- Registration for the upcoming 2015 baseball/ softball spring season is now officially open.
- The 2015 GRBSA season will officially start on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

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- Registration to date is approximately 40% lower than the same time last season.

Glen Rock Lacrosse Association

- No report submitted.

Glen Rock Junior Football Association

- The GRJFA reported their 2014 season officially ended with the Mustang Banquet which was held on Friday, January 9, 2014.
- The GRJFA reported the Quarterback Club (QB Club) officially started at the Glen Rock Middle School on Friday, January 9, 2014. The club is open for all GRMS students.
- The GRJFA stated they are currently looking for volunteer coaches and a Flag Football Coordinator for the 2015 season.
- The GRJFA expressed an interest in opening their 2015 registration earlier than in the past. They are looking to officially open the registration in February.

Glen Rock Men's Softball

- No report submitted.

Glen Rock Soccer Club

- The GRSC hosted their annual Re-Organization Meeting in December in which new Board Members officially began their term. Jeff Schaefer will remain as President for the GRSC.
- The GRSC reported their 2015 registration will officially open on Sunday, March 1, 2015.

Glen Rock Shooting Stars

- The GRSS reported their Indoor League began on Sunday, January 11th, 2015 and will run until Sunday, March 15th, 2015 at Hamilton School's Gymnasium.
- They currently have a total of 80 participants competing in their Indoor League.
- GRSS stated registration for their 2015 spring season will officially begin on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.
- The GRSS stated they are working with the GRBSA, GRSC, and the GR BOE to install a security/ automated alarm system for the outdoor bathrooms at the Hamilton School's Athletic Complex.

Glen Rock Youth Basketball League

- No report submitted.

Glen Rock Junior Wrestling

- Junior Wrestling has reported that they currently have a total of 50 participants in their program for the 2014-2015 season.
- Participants range from grades 1st - 8th.
- The Junior Wrestling is pleased to announce this is largest participation year for the program.

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- Junior Wrestling requested to secure additional time in the APR as a result of their increased number of participants. Junior Wrestling and Rec. Basketball will reach a compromise in order to share the APR.

Glen Rock Men's Basketball

- No report submitted.

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Carlo Cella informed everyone that the Board of Education will be hosting two additional discussion forums in regards to the possibility of installing Athletic Lights at the High School's Stadium Field. Both forums will be held on Wednesday, January 21st. The first forum will be held during the day, starting at 9:30am and the second forum will be held during the evening starting at 7:30pm.
- Carlo stated nothing has been determined to date and the Board of Education will still need to vote on the possibility of installing lights at the High School's Stadium Field.
- Carlo added that the safety netting around the High School's Baseball Field will be installed prior to the start of the 2015 spring season.

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- A new roof has recently been installed at the Children's Park Bathrooms. With that being said, the overall renovation project is now complete.
- The outdoor public bathrooms located at Children's Park and Wilde Memorial Park have been winterized and are currently unavailable for the winter months. Both facilities will re-open during early spring, weather permitting.
- All AED's have been removed from all Athletic and Recreational Facilities, to prevent damage as a result of the low temperatures and inclement weather. Inventory and maintenance will occur during the winter months, and they will be re-deployed during early spring, weather permitting.
- Mark Barone thanked all the participating Recreational Athletic Organizations for submitting their required 50% reimbursement for the Background Checks in a timely fashion.
- Mark Barone is currently attending the Fire Academy at Bergen County's Law and Public Safety Institute for the Glen Rock Volunteer Department. The Academy began on Monday, January 12, 2015 and will conclude on Monday, February 23, 2015. The Fire Academy is held Monday - Friday, during normal business hours. During the before mentioned time, Mark will be in his office completing all assignments and responsibilities during the evening hours.

MEMBERS AT LARGE/PUBLIC COMMENT

- No report submitted.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

- 8:00pm
- Conference Room 'B'
- Glen Rock's Borough Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Barone

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