

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



**Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday June 18, 2019

8pm

**Attendance:** Mark Sabow, Katie Frey, Pete Isoldi, Brian Van Schoonhoven, Scott Meltzer, Jon Hendl, Aaron Stotesbury, Rob Scherer, Keith Stewart, Bob Bourne, Anne Camp

Correspondence: Brendan Wood from Parisi's Speed School had asked to attend the meeting and did come with handouts about the programs they offer and discussed who they've worked with before in town and how Parisi's could hold an open house for our programs.

**Old Business:** At the special meeting with the council, Carl and Katie presented their findings for 2/3 of the meeting, then answered questions from the council. The council voted for a Phase I survey and for the JIF to come out and inspect the field. Katie met with the Risk Manager to walk the field at the end of the week and was awaiting his documented results but verbally he suggested that the field not be used until all the issues he found on it be corrected. He found raised sprinkler heads, patches of grass that are tripping hazards, the flooding, barren areas of land, and rocks. He said just posting a sign telling people the field is closed is enough but it doesn't keep people off and if it is fenced off with signs then when people do go on it the ton is not at fault.

The number of questions and concerns regarding the fixing of Lower Faber brought up how the dog park can break ground in the same space without as many issues, plus the following questions were raised. Will there be safety netting? What does risk management have to say about it being that close to the playing field? How many dogs do they expect and will they be resident/non resident and have vaccinations? How will this affect parking when there are multiple programs on the fields? When are they breaking ground? Who's liable if someone gets hurt by a dog or a dog/person by a ball? "This seems like a disaster waiting to happen" "can't it be paused until the final decision on Lower Faber renovations are made" The board was told that its going there and there's no reason to pause it because it doesn't affect the changes to Lower Faber but the questions can be asked.

**New Business:** Minimum wage is going up in the state and we could make the jump to \$10/hour this year and only increase \$.30 next year or keep minimum at \$8.85 this year and jump up to \$10.30 next year. Based on the number of hours the shack kids work (maximum with no days cancelled because of rain) it would only increase the final payout by \$1,000 and there would still be money in that item. Lifeguards are hard to recruit, and Glen Rock sits in the lower middle of the pack when it comes to what other towns are paying their guards. Fair Lawn is jumping to \$10 this year and Ridgewood who already started their guards at \$9 was staying there and jumping to \$10.30 next year. The RAB was asked for their opinion on whether to jump to \$10 or wait until

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next year and it was agreed that if there was room in the budget this year to make the change. This will be brought to the next Council session for approval.

**Board of Education Update:** No Report

**Recreational Athletic Organization Updates**

**Little League-** No report

**Lacrosse-** No report

**GRSC-** Registration is closed and teams will be drafted in a month.

**GRSS-** Registration is over, there's 26 teams formed. The season is almost done and 7 teams have won their flights. The 2010 boys won the cup.

**Jr Football-** Early registration is closed, numbers are ahead of usual, flag and flex football have high numbers and seem popular.

**Wrestling-** No report

**Basketball-** In hibernation

**Men's Basketball-** No report

**Men's Softball-** 3 weeks left of regular season, playoffs will be in the end of July.

**Member Reports-** Anne mentioned the Hall of Fame inductees and that the Dinner will be during Homecoming Weekend.

**Recreation Director Report:** No report

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Frey*

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