

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



**Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday March 11, 2019

8pm

**Attendance:** Mark Sabow, Katie Frey, Bill Leonard, Pete Isoldi, Brian Van Schoonhoven, Jim Leonard, Scott Meltzer, Jon Hendl, Aaron Stotesbury, Eric Bober, Keith Stewart, Rob Scherer

**Old Business:** Mark Sabow made a motion to accept the minutes and Pete and Aaron seconded. Last month when we met with the Borough Engineer we were also lucky enough to have the BOE come and meet with us which is hard because their meetings are the same day as ours. It is important to have BOE representation at the RAB meetings especially now that we'll have to work even closer with them once field renovations start. To do this, Mark asked if everyone would be willing to change the date of the meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. After checking the calendar to see if the date was available, it was voted that the RAB will meet on its regular date in April and will make the change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month on May 21.

Everyone should take another look at our bylaws again to see what needs to be updated and changed regarding how we operate etc. and be ready to discuss them in April. Mark also mentioned that at a future meeting we should discuss going to a single sports group where every sport is under one umbrella similar to Fair Lawn's All-Sports. There would be some advantages and disadvantages to being under one 5013c regarding each program's checkbooks, but for insurance, coaches, and bylaws it may be a good thing to look into. Jim Leonard suggested looking at putting some money into a total fund to match and fix things as we go. Bill Leonard said finance would be ok with that and we'd need Lenora to put it in place and say what we're using it for. It's fine in principle to set up a sports trust fund that would go back to rec sports.

**New Business:** Katie Frey passed out copies of the proposed Glen Rock Pool Membership fees for 2019. While overall revenue has gone down from last year. Comparing 2015, 2016, and 2017, our adult membership and nonresident caregiver membership seems to be suffering the most and showing an annual decline, while the purchases of adult resident ID cards and coupon books is on the rise. The last time membership was raised it was by \$5 in 2015-2016. After 3-4 years, it is time we increased our fees. However, with membership in decline, we do not want to scare away members by increasing fees substantially, so it was my recommendation to up them (individual memberships) by \$5 again. Resident Caregivers were given a slight break and reduced by \$25 because they are residents while non-resident caregivers were bumped up \$50. In the last year we only sold 3 resident caregiver memberships and 16 non-resident caregivers. Residential Lap Swim Membership has stayed the same while non-resident early morning lap swim and 10 trip coupon books increased. Because of this Lap Swimming prices for residents remained the same but non-residents were increased \$50. Since more guest coupon books have been sold (with the resident ID cards) it seems like people are using this as a loophole not to

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purchase full membership. Plus, since coupons do not expire there are times people are using coupons they may have purchased in previous years so we have no way of tracking how many are out there still. It is Katie's suggestion to get rid of the coupon books altogether. The daily gate fees would remain the same.

There were no objections to changing the prices to memberships. It was suggested that instead of getting rid of coupon books we add an expiration date to them and start phasing out the cards from years past so that we can start tracking them better. It was also suggested to keep the gate fee the same for Monday-Friday but double it on weekends when more guests are coming. Children 12-17 should also be charged the adult rate since they are allowed in without an adult.

Katie also asked the RAB for their thoughts on a proposal from the Mayor to introduce non-resident members. The idea was to allow 100 people from out of town to get memberships using a lottery drawing. Families would have to list everyone getting a membership this way if a family of 6 is pulled from the lottery 1<sup>st</sup> then there would only be 94 spaces left. The fee suggestion would be \$25 more than each Full Price Individual Membership. Out of Town Members would not be allowed to bring any guests.

Pete Isoldi suggested that we offer it to nonresidents with a sponsor first. Jim agreed that a resident sponsor should be taken first before the lottery but that they should be charged more than what was suggested. A round table discussion led to making children walking-11 years old and 12-17 years being combined because our numbers show less 12-17 year olds being purchased and if an out of town resident is in that age group, they either need to be driven to the pool or are old enough to be working and not getting a membership. Their cost would be increased to \$150. Adults (18-61) would be \$250. It was suggested that seniors should be \$175 so that it was in between the children and adults but senior discounts were mentioned and \$125 was agreed on.

Rob Scherer suggested that we switch up the gate and check in because people are walking in and we might be losing revenue there. Keith Stewart suggested that someone sit outside and scan all the cards. Katie agreed that she is not happy with the set up of check in and is looking for ways to use both windows, free up traffic jams when people are scanning in and others trying to pay guest fees. Having worked the gate a few times this summer she saw first hand how people try to sneak in without the membership or trying to pay the guest fee without having a resident member with them. It is a discussion that her and Pool Manager Henry have been having to make check in more efficient and will involve training the staff better. Turnstiles and using the old gate exit by the bathrooms were two other suggestions added to help alleviate issues at the gate.

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Jim asked where we were on honoring Mike Lieble, and Mike O'Hagan had corresponded with Katie that we should look into naming a field after him now. Katie asked if which we wanted to do, and the answer was both. The next step is finding out how much a sundial and plaque would be.

The Dog Park is ready to break ground but there is not a date set.

**Board of Education Update:** The polls closed, and the referendum passed but they still have to look at the numbers.

**Recreational Athletic Organization Updates**

**Little League-** 746 registered right now compared to 730 from 2018. 35 baseball teams, 24 softball, 13 kickball. 115 coaches were background checked. Opening Day and Parade on April 6.

**Lacrosse-**

**GRSC-** Early registration in March. 50 kids in the 1<sup>st</sup> 2-3 days registered. Pre-K increased cap at 144 and still had a waitlist so it was expanded this year. Eric Bober was introduced as the new president.

**GRSS-** 400 kid, 4 new teams. They got permission to use the right field outfield at the high school to make a 4v4 field. Hamilton has 7v7. There are 90+ academy kids (K&1<sup>st</sup> grade) enrolled.

**Jr Football-** No report

**Wrestling-** Ended and with a state champ. There were 3-4 more kids who did really well and a number of champs and finishers in novice.

**Basketball-** Is almost done. Travel is ending, and 14/18 teams made playoffs. Championships are next week. The league always donates to the school and this year they are putting in new scoreboards at Hamilton. There is one more week of Rec Basketball.

**Men's Basketball-** No report

**Men's Softball-** They had their kickoff meeting. Starting March 31, not using lower this year, playing on Upper, Hamilton, and Memorial. Memorial will have double headers but be done by 11:45 every week.

**Member Reports-** No reports.

**Recreation Director Report:** Nothing in addition to pool fees

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Frey*

Director of Parks & Recreation, Borough of Glen Rock