

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday May 21, 2019

8pm

Attendance: Mark Sabow, Katie Frey, Pete Isoldi, Brian Van Schoonhoven, Jim Leonard, Scott Meltzer, Jon Hendl, Eric Bober, Eric Bober, Keith Stewart, Bob Bourne, Anne Camp

Minutes had an error, the 6th line in the 2nd paragraph should read “get” instead of egt. With that amendment, a motion to accept was made by Anne Camp and Greg Toro seconded. The minutes were approved with the amendment.

Correspondence: Katie Frey had been in conversation with Gary Stevens from the Gary Stevens Taekwondo school. His information was passed out to each recreation program in case they were interested in their participants getting training. Katie has had others ask to come and present businesses and programs to the RAB. Before inviting them, the question put before the board was whether or not we put them on the agenda or tell them to attend a meeting and let them speak during the public portion. Eric felt that it was more advertising while Mark disagreed and said that sometimes they bring worthwhile programs to the athletes in the programs. Brian brought up that places like Parisis who work with all the sports programs would put packages together for deals or hold open houses for the programs. It was agreed that if there is a agency that would like to present they can be added to the agenda.

Old Business: 1) Review of the bylaws: The Board was asked to give their notes on the current bylaws as written. Anne Camp asked if the language of Page 2 Sec. 2 4th line should be changed to include background checks or if it was ok. Safety should cover the background checks, but it doesn't hurt to add it to the section so that it is clear to all and not up to interpretation. The next item was the term of the president and updates. After a discussion it was decided that the President should be voted in with the condition that it is a 3 year term with open ended terms. The bylaws would be changed and then we'd hold a vote for the next year. The position of secretary would be removed because their duties would be handled by the Recreation Director, President or Council Liaison (in that order). The meetings will now read as the 3rd Tuesday instead of the 2nd Tuesday. The agenda would be made by the President or Rec Director, and they, as well as the Council Liaison can call for a special meeting. The members at large will also be held to the same standards and will be voted in. Wrestling should also be added to the list of participating recreation groups.

3) Lower Faber: Carl O'Brien was brought in to give the RAB a courtesy meeting about Lower Faber before he presents it to the council so that Councilman O'Hagan can see it (he will be absent from the council meeting) and so that the RAB members who are the invested stakeholders could suggest an addition or removal before the council approves it. Carl was

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brought in to look at and correct the safety and drainage issue and based on the field usage come up with a way to make the field safe and useful. The first thing noticed is that the baseball field

New Business: Jim Leonard was given the floor to discuss Little Leagues idea of making Memorial more multipurpose. The infields are subpar and since it is a 50x70 diamond only 5 rec teams and 2 travel teams can use the field. When Hamilton goes offline, we'll lose fields and making this multipurpose could help us in the long run. The idea is to skin the infield and turf it, leaving the outfield grass. It would be good for both fields because when it rains the infield is a mess and unplayable, with turf teams could get on faster and more teams that play on less than 60x90 could use it. The concern would be the seam and if this would be doable. Carl had already left but Katie was going to reach out to him to see if he had worked on any fields like this or had information on it.

Board of Education Update: No Report

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

Little League- BCCC tournament is this weekend for 9, 10, 11, 12. Hamilton and Memorial a & B will be used. Rec is finishing up after Memorial Day and the Championships will be held on Upper Faber and Coleman on June 8th. Tball and Kickball will run an extra weekend because of rain outs.

Lacrosse- Lax is wrapping up, the older kids will be done by the 1st week of June and the younger ones will finish games Saturday and Sunday. Lax Day was good this year, the HS did a series of clinics.

GRSC- Registration continues, ¾ girls will be part of NW Bergen and travel. This is the 50th year so they'll have balls that say that and plan something for the beginning of the season.

GRSS- Tryouts are done and teams are being finalized. They are having their pool party on June 8th. 2 scholarships are being handed out to one girl and one boy.

Jr Football- Registration is open, Scholarships are going to 2 boys and 3 cheerleaders.

Wrestling-No report

Basketball-On hiatus, they had their last board meeting until August/September

Men's Basketball-No report

Men's Softball-There have been 3 rainouts and they were made up last week and added to upcoming weeks. The season will end at the end of July beginning of August. Having Upper Faber helps with this.

Member Reports- No report

Recreation Director Report: No report

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Frey

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