

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday September 17, 2019

8pm

Attendance: Mark Sabow, Katie Frey, Mike O'Hagan, Eric Bober, Aaron Stotesbury, Scott Meltzer, Pete Isoldi, Brian Van Schoonhoven, Anne Camp, Keith Stewart

Old Business: No old business

New Business: 1) O'Hagan updated the RAB on the status of Lower Faber. The council approved the money for Phase 1 of soil remediation. The results should be coming in soon, since they tested the soil about 4 weeks ago. If there is an issue, then we would move on to Phase 2 to see what we would need to do to take care of. If the soil results come back fine and we don't have to move to a Phase 2 then we would have to wait on a council decision. They are still investigating the project and the engineer is still collecting information for them. The engineer is going to speak with Mark to gather the fields history.

2) The tennis courts went out to bid and Halecon got the bid. There was a pre-construction meeting last weekend they are hoping to start Oct 1. The contractors will install a new surface course on top of stone and raise the court with curbing around it to help stop the grass and roots from growing up from under the court. The project should take 60 days and will be painted with white lines temporarily. In the spring the colored paint and final lines will be painted.

3) Seniors have asked for a Senior Swim at the Pool. Katie said this is not a problem but would like to see seniors help plan it so that a good date is chosen, it runs for the right amount of time, and it has activities and food they want. It would also have to be done at the end of May/beginning of June so that it doesn't interfere with the general public or school parties.

4) In July we discussed having the dog park join the board because it would be beneficial for them to report what they have going on and for them to hear what we are doing on the surrounding fields. Katie brought up that this is a recreation board and recreation is more than sports and fields, so as we continue to add more recreational activities, we may need to bring more people to the table so that everyone is on the same page and working together. Mark made a motion to incorporate the Glen Rock Dog Park into the Recreation Advisory Board and add them to our bylaws. The motion passed.

5) Mike suggested everyone look at the sign ordinance to see if their programs will be affected by it. Many of them want to hang up banners and the new ordinance wouldn't allow them to. They should know what the guidelines are before it is passed to see if they can make signs that fit that outline or if they need to send suggestions or questions to the council. During this conversation the question was posed, that if we need a new scoreboard and could get a corporate sponsor for it, would we be able to hang a sign below it to advertise them or is that not allowed because of the sign ordinance. Mike and Katie were going to look into this.

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Board of Education Update: No Report

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

Little League- (emailed) No reports but travel baseball tryouts are coming up at Coleman

Lacrosse- No report

GRSC- Great opening, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of GRSC. They gave away 1,000 ice creams that day. The season is going strong. There is more registration than last year. There have been issues with sandbags on the goals but it is being taken care of. The grass at Hamilton has been high.

GRSS- all teams are underway. There's 340+ kids in the program. Currently trying their best to navigate the field situation with brookside offline. It's a challenge for parents with kids on multiple teams in different locations. The space at Hamilton is a little small but it can work and it's just a matter of reconfiguring the lights to achieve the best use of space. Goals were patched that were broken. Sandbags disappeared at Hamilton and they are being replaced.

Jr Football- Opened the season last week. The numbers are up except for tackle. The soccer nets need to be moved when football has practice. People are still running their dogs on Fisher field when no one is up there and not cleaning up. The referees stopped the game to have them pick up after a dog. The bathroom needs more toilet paper and better lighting. (Hamilton needs more supplies as well)

Wrestling- No report but registration will begin next month

Basketball- The travel tryouts are scheduled for the 19/20 and 25/26. An email was sent to the other programs in hopes of avoiding conflicts, but they are unavoidable. The league is switching to TeamSnap this year. It is used for travel registration in a week and then will be used for registration later in the month.

Men's Basketball- Just started this past week, no report but hoping for the same numbers from when it ended in the spring.

Men's Softball- The season ended with 10 teams. They would like to try to go back to 12 teams. Katie said maybe wait another year since we're losing one of the fields in the spring.

Member Reports- No reports

Recreation Director Report: GR 125 is complete and was a success. We held the first Doggy Swim at the pool which was great. There were 15 small dogs who just liked to run and 26 large dogs with a 38 person waitlist. The large dogs loved the water and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There will be some slight changes in regards to registration but the plan is to do it in 2020. The pool is closing next week. The staff was amazing this year and Henry Fuess getting his lifeguard instructor certification gave him an opportunity to teach the class but also train the guards to work to his standards. The next month, Katie will be able to compile the analysis for membership and sales at the gate.

Next Scheduled Meeting

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Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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