

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday January 21, 2020

8pm

Attendance: Katie Frey, Mary Barchetto, Rob Dill, Pete Isoldi, Brian Van Schoonhoven, Jim Leonard, Matt Deely, Scott Meltzer, Jon Hendl, Eric Bober, Eileen Hillock, Bob Bourne

Agenda: Introduce New Liaisons: The two new liaisons for RAB will be Mary Barchetto and Rob Dill. Both have been involved in recreation and have children participate in programs. They're looking forward to working with RAB. Mary hopes to help the RAB tighten up compliances and get the updated bylaws approved and enforced.

- 1) Faber Update:** The council approved the engineering detailed plan and are waiting for the design which is for half grass half artificial turf with a basic asphalt walking path and conduits but no lights. The draft should be done by the end of February. An approximate construction end date if things stay on track would be December 2020. Every step we take is another hurdle and another vote. The hurdles will be the vote on the bond ordinance or facing another referendum. About 2.8 million needs to be approved. The vote would have to be a majority vote (4-2). The liaisons said that they were thinking a possible vote could happen in March at the meeting on the 11th.
- 2) Organic Treatments on Fields:** This topic has come up again from vocal residents who are concerned about how the fields are being treated and they would like to see organic. Mark emailed Katie stating that the RAB doesn't think organic is as effective as chemical. It has increased costs and the fact that it would have to be outsourced should be considered. The Board still has the same reservations they've had each time this is discussed and questioned why we would entertain this discussion again if we've seen Upper Faber brown with organics and then bounce back with the chemicals while the rest of our treated fields are fine. Another question posed was will taxpayers want to see this if we spend money on a turf/grass field. Katie said with the recommendation from DPW and other organic companies she would propose looking into a 90-10 split so that the field is treated with organics but the 10% would be pre-emergent and allow the company to spot spray weeds which would help keep the field from being choked out by weeds like Upper Faber was. The RAB was in agreement that their main concern is making sure whatever we use provides us with safe fields for our athletes. Katie will be providing the council with quotes from Organic landscapers she found through Rutgers.
- 3) Field Allocations Update:** Hamilton will be offline for spring. The baseball teams that use these fields should look at planning more away game or will be moved to Coleman or the multiuse fields at Faber. Lacrosse has been working on their schedule to use the school and away games as much as possible which should help alleviate some problems. Katie put in an application to the county for the use of the Fairlawn Pitch behind Oceanos to give soccer a place to go. Mens softball will get memorial, Upper and Lower Faber until 2pm since they lost Hamilton and have 10 teams again. Anytime they don't need

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can be given back to the other programs. Frank will not have the HS schedule and blackout dates until the middle of February so we're at a standstill until then.

- 4) Rec Budget Proposals:** Katie had a 1st meeting to go over the budget plans for 2020 but the Rec Budget meeting has not been scheduled yet. Most of the operational is staying the same with increase for summer staff since minimum wage is increasing again. Capital Requests include Phase 2 of the tennis courts (basketball court included), Memorial Field Tuneup, Memorial Infield Renovations, Main Street Field Tune Up, Sycamore Tune Up, Upper Faber Tune Up (All tune-up came from the Viersma Proposal Little League obtained for RAB), a Senior Activities Instructor, New Hair catchers for the Kiddie pool (Main Pump filter is a priority, other 2 can even wait for 2021), laptop for pool manager, Media Filter Replacement for Pool, Security Cameras (being quoted with GRPD), and the Pool Pavilion (roof replacement or complete renovation with upgrades. Mary Barchetto has also been working to obtain a \$120,000 grant for the Seniors.

5) Member Reports

Board of Education Update: Post meeting, we learned that Sinead Rundell will be our new liaison.

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

Little League- In the middle of registration. 377 so far and there is another month before the \$50 late fee kicks in. The younger grades has increased numbers. The Senior Team (13,14,15) is looking to play in a Junior Little League so they can enter the Little League Tournament. This would mean they have to travel a little further.

Lacrosse- Registration opened and there's 4 weeks before late fees kick in. Lax day is May 9. Games will be starting at the end of March which is earlier (weather permitting).

GRSC- Registration opened for spring soccer session for Pre-K-2nd grade.

GRSS- 135 kids for indoor soccer right now making it the most successful season. Getting ready for spring, scouring for field space and having to rent the Superdome.

Jr Football- The season ending dinner was in January. Registration will begin in March

Wrestling- 45 kids which is good but flat from 2019. There's a fair number of kindergarteners and 5 girls. The HS team is doing well. Weekend competitions are starting.

Basketball- In the middle of the season. 742 kids, 84 paid late fees. The Middle school opened up the doors from the parking lot making a lot easier with getting to the gym and so far there haven't been any problems. Gym time is still an issue and they get hammered with scheduling. Rec bball will be losing 12 games at the end of the season because the Robotics club will need the gym. Playoffs will be the 1st 2 weeks in March.

Men's Basketball-No Report

Men's Softball-There is a kickoff meeting in the next 2 or 3 weeks. 10 teams returning.

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Dog Park- The dog park opened January 1 with its dedication. Lots of people have been going. Their fundraising goal is \$20,000 to finish paying for construction and to eventually put in a solar pavilion, charging station, and running water. They are going to start classes. DPW needs to move equipment from back lot. They are working with GREC to about solar panels and the Arboretum to plant trees. Not confirmed yet, but they are looking to hold their next event on February 14th. A doggie bag dispenser and garbage receptacles are needed.

Member Reports- No reports

Recreation Director Report: Ice Skating in Wilde Memorial will be held on February 1st from 11-8.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Frey

Director of Parks & Recreation, Borough of Glen Rock