

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday November 17th, 2020

8pm

Attendance: Mark Sabow, Rob Goldberg, Matt Deely, Andy Gibbs, Anne Camp, Eileen Hillock, Sinead Rundell, Aaron Stotebury, Scott Meltzer, Ryan McNair, Jon Hendl, Keith Stewart, Chris O'Reilly, Rob Dill

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Eileen Hillock

Second: Andy Gibbs

Faber Field Update:

Rob announced there is currently no update today but will be discussed for 2021 with a return to normalcy. Andy noted with the record number of votes for the 2020 borough election more will be required for a petition against the renovation. The back field is still unusable and hopes as a board we can come together to promote the project as all sports will be able to use it. Rob will speak with the Mayor regarding the next step going forward as the council has already voted to support the project. Andy mentioned the market has changed and it may be cheaper with less demand. Rob did say given the current struggles; the optics may not be great to invest in a multi-million-dollar project. Mark suggests the rates may be lower to bond and the project is long overdue. Eileen stated that there is a greater appreciation for the outdoors and Andy closed by stating participation in town is at an all-time high and will continue to grow.

Light Tower Bulb Replacement at Faber

Andy stated half the lights on each tower are burnt out. Jon H mentioned there is practice tomorrow night and will meet Rob and Chris at the field to assess. Chris spoke with Monte Electric earlier in the day and was able to receive an update on the process of replacing the bulbs. A large bucket truck will have to be rented and used in ideal weather conditions, typically Mid-March is the best time to have this done. Will monitor.

Wilde Memorial Park Renovations:

Chris provided an updated schedule for the new tennis and basketball court renovations:

- Week of 11/16
 - General excavation for curbing, court, and walkway
 - Fine grade stone for court and walkway
 - Install fence posts
- Week of 11/23/20

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- Install Curbing
 - Install hardware footings
- Week of 11/30
 - Install Stone Dust
 - Install asphalt
- Week of 12/7
 - Install fence fabric and gates
 - Stripe courts
 - Install hoops and nets
 - Restoration
- Week of 12/14
 - Punchlist

Vandalism:

Mark provided an update on another act of vandalism at the Wilde Memorial Court Bathrooms. Chris stated this is the third such act since April which included a trashing, a sink being torn off the wall and shattered, and the latest which was a stall door being ripped off its hinges and they appear to be a target. Chris made the board aware the bathrooms have since been winterized and locked for the season. Eileen mentioned security cameras should be considered as a worthwhile investment. Chris said cost will have to be considered and even if cameras record any vandalism the damage is still being done but will speak with police and Lenora about the possibility of installation. Mark stated something must be done as this has happened too many times now.

Sports Report:

Rob first promoted the boroughs Shovel 4 Seniors and Big Sweep programs; volunteers are still needed.

Anne stated Pickleball is going well and looking forward to the new courts.

Basketball: After a conversation with the BOE, Ryan stated winter basketball may be on hold until Mid-January. Travel games will not be permitted in the school gymnasium. Rec would not allow fans only players, coaches, and refs. A decision will be made in a week or two whether to have a season or not.

Men's Basketball- Keith stated they are following Ryan's lead, but they will most likely hold off on any participation until next year.

Baseball: Rob stated the fall season has concluded and will pick up again in the Spring

Glen Rock Soccer Club: Aaron stated the season will wrap up this weekend and was successful all things considered. Looking forward to next year.

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Dog Park: Eileen stated Halloween events went very well and the new board members have fit it nicely. The dog park is promoting its Pet Food Drive which will take place until 11/22. After the Dog Park will be launching a Dog Park Heroes Membership Program to help raise funds.

Shooting Stars: Fall season wrapping up this weekend. One team going for a championship on Sunday at Upper Faber which is exciting as well as three or four teams in the playoffs. Would like to see some pick-up soccer in the winter to get kids out of the house.

Men's Softball/Wrestling- Scott stated Men's Softball is done and will reengage in the Spring. Wrestling is still in a wait and see approach and they make take registrations without any payment for now.

Lacrosse- Matt stated there was a league meeting in November and the schedule is done. If the league is cancelled, they would like to run a program similar to Junior Football's in town only season which worked out very well.

Andy finished up reports by asking Sinead if there was any update on Hamilton which Sinead will have more information in a week or so after some meetings.

Mark asked if a December meeting should take place as typically there is none, consensus being yes due to uncertainty of the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned

Next Scheduled Meeting

December 15th 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris O'Reilly

Director of Parks & Recreation, Borough of Glen Rock