

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



Glen Rock Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)

February 16, 2021

8:00 pm via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Anne Camp	✓		Ryan McNair	✓		Rob Dill (Council)	✓	
Matt Deely	✓		Scott Meltzer		No	Amy Martin (Council)		No
Andy Gibbs	✓		Chris O'Reilly	✓		Sinead Rundell (BOE)	✓	
Rob Goldberg	✓		Mark Sabow	✓		Bob Buono DPW	✓	
Jon Hendl	✓		Keith Stewart	✓		Friends of Arboratium		No
Michelle Hillock	✓		Aaron Stotebury	✓		William Huisking	✓	
Pete Isoldi	✓		Danielle Andrews		No	Jon Cole (Council)		No
Eric Bober		No						

**Meeting is called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Sabow**

**Motion to accept the minutes of January 19, 2021**

Changes/Additions to minutes:

1. Rob Goldberg stated that he was listed twice on the sports reports, one had a report and the other did not. Because he represented Baseball and Little League, they were separated. They will be combined in the next report.

Accept the minutes with corrections:

Moved by: Keith Stewart. Second: Matt Deely

**Unfinished Business:**

Faber Field Update by Rob Dill (Council Liaison)

- Councilman Dill was very happy with the Council/RAB budget work session regarding Faber Field bonding.
- Some Council members thought it problematic raising taxes in a pandemic.

- The bonding expert stated that there will not be an impact because some long-term debt is being retired along with gaining new debt. He suggested bundling the debt.
- Rates are expected to be below 2.5%.
- John Hendl, Andy Gibbs and Chris O'Reilly were in attendance at the budget meeting.
- Rob was asked when the budget vote would be taken: hearing and public comments will be in late March/early April. In mid to late April the Council will present the final budget and ratify it.

#### DPW Update by Bob Buono

- RAB members questioned why DPW vehicles are in the pool parking lot and if this is going to be the norm.
- Due to maintenance issues with the mechanic's shop, the vehicles have been moved over to the parking lot as there is no space for them at the DPW site. Some vehicles have been moved to the Recycling Center.
- A compromised site was proposed by RAB, the road leading out of the compost area. Bob said that vehicles would get snowed in there and it would not be feasible.
- RAB members stated there will be a significant amount of traffic when the spring/summer seasons arrive. Bob said maybe half could go elsewhere. He is going to work with RAB to resolve the problem.
- Bob is enjoying working in GR; and, plans to work with Chris O'Reilly to upgrade the SB/BS infields

#### **Recreational Organization Reports:**

##### Baseball: Rob Goldberg

- Registration is running "on track" and expects an early April opening.
- There will not be an opening day parade, other options are being explored.

##### Basketball (Youth): Rob Lopez

- Teams are half way through the season and expects to finish about mid-March.
- Organization is looking to sponsor a 3 v 3 BB event.

##### Basketball (Men's): Keith Stewart

- No report

- Keith will send contact information to Mark Sabow who is developing the sports list for the Borough website.

Dog Park: Michelle Hillock

- The Dog Park was closed for a short period of time due to the weather. It is currently open.
- The gazebo plans have received approval. The design is being researched.

GR Soccer Club: Aaron Stotebury

- Spring season planning has been completed.

Jr. Football: Pete Isoldi

- No report
- Registration will open up in early March.

Lacrosse: Matt Deely

- Lacrosse does not have field access due to weather/snow. Matt wanted to know what the BOE position was on volunteers shoveling the fields. The BOE response was, “No.”
- Season hopes to open March 1, 2021. Field allocations are not official presently.

Men's Softball: Scott Meltzer

- No report

Shooting Stars: Jon Hendl & Andy Gibbs

- Teams are playing outdoors in Nutley. Their model is something for GR to look at.
- Beginning March 23 there will be 2 new M/F soccer teams (2012 and 2013). There are 3 HS boys' teams.

Wrestling: Scott Meltzer

- No report

Members-at-Large: Anne Camp

- No report

Member-at-Large: Danielle Andrews

- No report

**Liaison Reports:**

GR BOE: Sinead Rundell

- There are resident complaints regarding dogs on fields:
  - No dogs are allowed on any BOE field.
- Hamilton HSA is going to be doing some construction on the left side of the building. Access to the back fields is only to the right of the building by the snack stand.
- MS baseball looks like it will take place; getting opponents is difficult.
- HS home basketball games are still closed to spectators. No decision has been made to open it up. The school doctor needs to make a recommendation after which the BOE will vote.

Friends of the Arboretum:

- No report

**Recreation Director Report:** Chris O'Reilly

- Chris is meeting with the Mayor and Council on March 10, 2021 to make plans for the pool opening. He hopes a decision can be made by the end of March. He, along with the pool Manager, is planning for a grand re-opening. He speaks with the pool Manager every other day.
- New equipment to be installed: 3 kiddie pool pumps, flow controls.
- The new budget is being completed; it is comparable to 2019.
- Cost increases to the budget are: Minimum wage, lifeguards, the shack, cleaning of all bathrooms.
- Capitol Improvements:
  - New retaining wall at the pool, old one is a safety hazard;
  - New filters in kiddie/main pool that use less chemicals & is more cost effective;
  - Security cameras, working with the police chief on this matter;
  - New laptop to move people in/out of the pool;
  - New/repair fencing/gates at the pool;
  - Pool painted;
  - New emergency shut-off switches moved closer to pool/office;
  - New fryer in the kitchen at the concession stand;

- Replace the kiddie pool with a rubber surface that does not require being wet all the time;
- Infields of baseball fields repaired/renovated/tuned-up.

**Chairperson's Report**

- No report

**New Business:**

- Need to discuss the Concession stand and if it should open;
- Should YMCA pool rental be extended into this coming season.
  - Rental revenue is \$6500;
  - YMCA use would be from 6:30 - 8:30 am M-F for 6 weeks;
  - YMCA staffs the pool, not GR.

**Motion to Adjourn:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Second:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting Date: March 16, 2021 at 8:00 pm via Zoom.**

