

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION



Glen Rock Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)
October 19, 2021
8:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance:

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| Anne Camp | Yes | Scott Meltzer | | Rob Dill (Council) | |
| Matt Deely | Yes | Mark Sabow | Yes | Amy Martin (Council) | |
| Andy Gibbs | | Keith Stewart | Yes | Sinead Rundell (BOE) | |
| Rob Goldberg | Yes | Aaron Stotbury | | Bob Buono DPW | |
| Jon Hendl | | Danielle Andrews | | Jon Cole (Council) | |
| Eileen Hillock | * | Eric Bober | Yes | Thomas DeSiervo (Director) | Yes |
| Pete Isoldi | | Jim Leonard | Yes | William Leonard (Resident) | Yes |
| Ryan McNair | Yes | | | Maria Dolan (Resident) | Yes |

* Attempted to attend by zoom was not available.

Meeting is called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Sabow at 8:01 pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of September 21, 2021.

Changes/Additions to minutes: None

Moved by: Andy Gibbs Second: Ryan McNair

Unfinished Business:

1. Faber Field update: The turf field will be completed in the spring of 2022. The supply chain appears to be OK with no issues currently.
2. Need for push brooms and water rollers for tennis/pickleball courts: There is a safety issue with the amount of acorns on most of the courts making the courts unsafe and unplayable.
3. Reservation system for the courts: nothing has been decided by Council.
4. Jim Leonard scheduling: Jim met with RAB organizations for 1 hour prior to RAB meeting to examine scheduling process.

Recreational Organization Reports:

Baseball: Rob Goldberg

- Our fall season for our travel teams is concluding in the next few weeks. It has been a good fall and we are happy that the kids have been able to play and keep improving
- Otherwise we are beginning to prepare for the 2022 spring rec and travel seasons

Basketball (Youth): Ryan McNair

- We received approval to use school gyms for recreation and travel games.
- We will be asking only 2 fans per child when entering gym.
- Masks must be worn at all times by fans and coaches. Players will be masked entering school and when not actually playing. Masks may be left on if players prefer.
- We conducted travel tryouts this past weekend and will conclude next weekend there were about 250 players.
- Recreation registration is now open; and, we will have assistance from some of the varsity players for our 2nd grade clinic.

Basketball (Men's): Keith Stewart

- The program is up and running. Thirty-three players participated on Monday evening at the HS. Program runs Sun 8:00 - 10:00, Mon 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Dog Park: Eileen Hillock

- A Fall Clean-Up Day was held on October 9, 2021. Volunteers weeded both sides inside the park and the planting area along the north side of the park adjacent to Upper Faber Field.
- As mentioned previously, the GRDP launched another Plastic Bag/Wrap Recycling Challenge this past Summer. The Dog Park receives a free Trex bench for every 500 pounds of plastic recycled. Two more benches were earned as a result of this drive. In total, 2500 pounds of plastic bags and wraps were recycled by the dog park drives. Given the tremendous response, we proposed the Borough consider instituting this type of recycling program at the recycling center on a permanent basis and also utilize the Trex Challenge to obtain add'l eco-friendly benches for the Borough.

Update: A meeting with Teresa Gilbreath and Lenora Benjamin is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021 to discuss this proposal.

- The GRDP received a donation of a Trex bench from the Ridgewood AM Rotary Society this month.
- A successful Emergency Pet Food/Supply Drive was held in September for the Newark Animal Humane Society Rescue Shelter as they were severely impacted by the recent storms.
- Future Glen Rock Dog Park capital improvements are:
 - (1) Shade for the small dog side of the park (including trees); hopefully late Oct 2021.
We have a person willing to donate 5 trees. Awaiting approval from the
Borough Council to plant them.
 - (2) Revisiting the installation of trees along the south side of the Dog Park closest to Faber Field.

- (3) Installation of a Bulletin Board at the site. (Grant from Columbia Bank.)
- (4) Solar panel installation on Pavilion Roof. (*Approvals needed.*)

- A **Pet Costume Contest** is scheduled for Sunday 10/24/21 at 2 pm at the dog park. (Sponsored by Allstate Insurance). The parking spaces directly in front of the park will be blocked off for this event.

- **“Puptoberfest”**, a free event for the community, is scheduled for Sunday 10/24/2021 at the dog park. (Sponsored by Allstate Insurance.)

- The GRDP is participating in WICS **“Trunk or Treat”** on Halloween ☐ 10/31/2021.

- Link to the **Glen Rock NJ Dog Park OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter**: <https://shoutout.wix.com/so/baNnmrBIX?languageTag=en&cid=de74ca8d-dbe7-4304-97c7-b425f48328d5#/main>

GR Soccer Club: Aaron Stotebury/Eric Bober

- It is the middle of the season and it is going well.
- The adult soccer league has 8 teams and has formed a “league”. The play-offs are scheduled for November 21st. Medals will be awarded.

Jr. Football: Pete Isoldi

- No report

Lacrosse: Matt Deely

- No report

Men’s Softball: Scott Meltzer

- No report

Shooting Stars: Jon Hendl

- Parsippany Pride Tournament results: U11, 3 teams made it to their finals, 1 champion.
- Tryouts are scheduled for the spring.
- K - 1, pre-travel registration is open.

Wrestling: Scott Meltzer

- No report

Members-at-Large: Anne Camp

- Refer to Pickleball in unfinished business.

Member-at-Large: Danielle Andrews

- No report

Liaison Reports:

GR Council: Rob Dill, Jon Cole, Amy Martin

- No report

GR BOE: Sinead Rundell

- Hamilton field is being cut 1/4 inch shorter.

DPW: Bob Buono:

- No report

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee:

- No report

Recreation Director Report: Thomas DeSiervo

- Senior Citizens program meets every Tuesday and Thursday. They have activities, programs and trips planned.
- The pool has been winterized.
- A top coat was added to the tennis/pickleball and basketball courts.
- The Halloween parade for children has been planned for the weekend of Halloween.
- Registration can be done for the pool, etc. through Community Pass.
- “Home for the Holidays” is scheduled for November 27th which includes the holiday tree lighting.

Chairperson’s Report: Mark Sabow

- Clarification of the term “Green Acre Funds”. The Director said that Memorial is all covered under Green Acres which includes the tennis/pickleball courts because of the erection of the bathrooms.
- When will the Green Acres title be taken away if ever? The Director stated he would get the information out to the RAB regarding this issue.

Audience Participation:

- Bill Leonard (resident): When in the spring will the turf field be ready? The grass field?
Answer: Turf in the spring of 2022, the grass field in the fall of 2022.

- Maria Dolan (resident): Are the tennis courts at the County park available for play? Answer: they are scheduled to be improved but presently the courts are unplayable.

Motion to Adjourn: Rob Goldberg

Second: Andy Gibbs

Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2021 at 8:00 pm via Hybrid.