

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION



Glen Rock Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)
September 21, 2021
8:00 pm via Zoom and In-person

Attendance

Anne Camp	Y	Scott Meltzer	Y	Rob Dill (Council)	Y
Matt Deely	Y	Mark Sabow	Y	Amy Martin (Council)	
Andy Gibs	Y	Keith Stewart	Y	Sinead Rundell (BOE)	Y
Rob Goldberg	Y	Aaron Stotebury		Bob Buono DPW	Y
Jon Hendl		Danielle Andrews	Y	Jon Cole (Council)	Y
Eileen Hillock	Y	Eric Bober	Y	Thomas DeSiervo (Director)	Y
Pete Isoldi	Y		Y	Marie Dolan (Resident)	Y
Ryan McNair	Y	Orlice (Resident)	Y	Nina Gnessin (Resident)	Y

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

Motion to accept the minutes of July 20, 2021.

Changes/Additions to minutes: All members were sent a revised PDF of most current changes to minutes.

Moved by: Ryan McNair Second: Matt Deely

Unfinished Business:

Faber Field

- Carl O'Brien, Faber Field Project Engineer, presented a colorized layout for the Faber Field Complex with changes that were requested by the RAB this summer. The discussions covered the following:
 - Lacrosse, soccer and football turf fields turned 90 degrees; high tension netting locations/heights; LAX requested that the field be marked for women's LAX in red; sod laid in the field spring of 2022 and playable a considerable time later.
 - Field lighting is for future consideration; conduits & junction boxes will be installed around the complex; fencing locations/heights; baseball turf field with tick marks for the bases and moveable pitcher's mound to represent various levels of play; removal of the arc on the BS/SB infield; removing the numbers from the football field; height of net near the recycling center and between turf/grass fields; softball mounds to have circles/tick marks for pitcher's mound; football field needs hash marks which need to be the same size as the HS.
 - "Lowest responsible bid" received the award for Phase 1. The company is from Hackensack.

- The layers of the turf field were discussed: stone, shock absorbers, carpet, infill (olive pits or something else TBD).
- Field grooming will have to be done every 1-1.5 months and high contact areas once per week. Grooming will be done by DPW after appropriate training. Maintenance records must be kept to maintain 8-year warranty. The turf field must be professionally groomed 2 times per year. Snow removal was discussed. Life expectancy of turf could be up to 15 years.

Tennis Courts

- The 5 tennis courts and the basketball courts at Wilde Memorial Park will be closed for maintenance/top coating/ lining/fencing from Monday, September 27th to Monday, October 4th.
- Four (4) layers of coating will be applied.
- Other concerns about the area: pruning of branches around the 5 courts and BB court; the plastic mesh underlayment left by the contractor at the entrance to the two new tennis courts which poses a safety hazard.

Reservation system at the tennis/pickleball courts

- It is going to come down to self-policing for the time being. Any changes to the signage will have to be done through a Council vote.
- Pickleball will remain from 8:00 - 10:00 am.

Recreational Organization Reports:

Baseball (Little League): Rob Goldberg

- The fall season for the travel teams began last week and is ongoing until November.
- Tryouts for the travel teams were conducted this past weekend.
- GRLL is beginning to plan for their spring season.
- As discussed during the meeting, GRLL is interested in fundraising and making updates to the baseball field at Main Street, including the addition of a permanent outfield fence so that the field can be used for older ages as well as the younger players.

Basketball (Youth): Ryan McNair

- Received the green light from BOE to conduct indoor tryouts for their travel teams in the high school and middle school gym. (weekends of 10/16 and 10/23)
- Registration should open up 10/1/21. Looks like that will be moving forward as well. Covid precautions will still be in place.
- Concerns: Gym time issues and additional Men's league asking for more gym time, HSA taking away time from BB program.

Basketball (Men's): Keith Stewart

- Piggybacking on BB to get gym time/space.

Dog Park: Eileen Hillock

- A frequent park-goer had complained about the weeds along the outside perimeter of the park/Faber Field. DPW treated the area with an organic weed killer on 7/14/21; however, the treatment did not work. We agreed to "leave the weeds" and readdress in the future.
- The GRDP launched another Plastic Bag/Wrap Recycling Challenge on June 14th. The DP 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 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. Awaiting a meeting with the Borough (T. Gilbreath) to discuss.
- The GRDP just hosted an emergency food and supply drive for the Newark Animal Humane Center rescue which was devastated by the recent floods.
- The GRDP received a \$2500 grant from Columbia Bank which was used to purchase a bulletin board.
- A fun fundraiser "Pool Paw-ty" was held on 9/20/21 at the Kiddie Pool. Thank you to Tom DeSiervo, Nick Baranello and Katie Trahan for their help.
- The GRDP 9/11 Search and Rescue Dog Memorial Garden was dedicated on 9/18/21. The Pavilion was dedicated in early August.
- Future GRDP capital improvements are: (1) shade for the small dog side of the park (including trees); (2) revisit trees along the south side of the DP closest to Faber Field.
- A Pet Costume Contest is scheduled for 10/24/21.
- "Puptoberfest" is TBD.

GR Soccer Club: Aaron Stotbury/Eric Bober

- New pre-K - HS trainers
- Adult league is going very well.

Jr. Football: Pete Isoldi

- Season started 2 weeks ago; all is well.
- Fieldhouse flooded during Ida, considerable damage, some things were salvaged, town needs to do better maintenance on the building such as checking the gutters and drainage.
- One team bench has disappeared. FB is asking for a new bench as the GR team has nowhere to sit during a game.

Lacrosse: Matt Deely

- All is quiet, no plans for fall LAX due to limited field space/time.

Men's Softball: Scott Meltzer

- SB finished in August.

Shooting Stars: Jon Hendl/Andy Gibs

- Season started two weeks ago
- 25 teams participating in the Parsippany Pride Columbus Day tournament.

Wrestling: Scott Meltzer

- The junior Panther wrestling program is trying to have a season this year, Board meeting September 22nd.
- Concern: what facility will they be able to use, i.e., new wrestling room, cafeteria, MS. They are waiting for full approval from BoE.

Members-at-Large: Anne Camp

- Requested: 2 push brooms for the tennis/pickleball courts & regular cleaning of the tennis courts to remove acorns, debris.

Member-at-Large: Danielle Andrews

- No report

Liaison Reports:

GR BOE: Sinead Rundell

- Concern still exists with dogs on all the BoE fields.
- Coleman A's home plate has separated and needs to be replaced.
- Lights will stay on 7 days per week till 9:00 pm.
- BoE mows Hamilton and it was requested that they cut the grass shorter for soccer.

DPW: Bob Buono

- Clean up of basketball courts is done daily. Users have not conformed to disposing of garbage in the numerous containers.
- Final outside fencing will be put in after top coating is completed.
- Faber Field bleachers are out on field, no baseball.
- Concern 1: the new turf field need water spigots to be available in case an emergency requires cleaning the turf. Carl O'Brien stated it will tap off the irrigation line.
- Concern 2: light switch box is over grown with weeds.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee:

- No report

Recreation Director Report: Thomas DeSiervo

- Senior Citizen group has had their first meeting on 9/14/21. Currently meeting for activities T & Th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- Scheduled trips: 10/13 & 11/17
- Senior Citizen Oktoberfest 10/20/21
- Pool closed 9/20/21, doggie pool party 9/20/21.

Chairperson's Report: Mark Sabow

- Send your reports to Anne Camp for inclusion in minutes.

Resident Comments:

- Tennis nets: pickleball is lowering nets and not returning to correct height. Pickleball group will be informed. (Nina Gnessin)
- Digital scoreboard at Faber could include advertising to gain revenue. (Marie Dolan)

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn: Pete Isoldi Second: Rob Goldberg

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2021 at 8:00 pm via Zoom.