

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



Glen Rock Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)

April 20, 2021

8:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance:

Anne Camp	Yes	Ryan McNair	Yes	Rob Dill (Council)	No
Matt Deely	Yes	Scott Meltzer	Yes	Amy Martin (Council)	Yes
Andy Gibbs	Yes	Chris O'Reilly	Yes	Sinead Rundell (BOE)	No
Rob Goldberg	Yes	Mark Sabow	Yes	Bob Buono DPW	Yes
Jon Hendl	Yes	Keith Stewart	Yes	Jon Cole (Council)	Yes
Eileen Hillock	Yes	Aaron Stotebury	Yes	Resident (Adriene)	Yes
Pete Isoldi	Yes	Danielle Andrews	Yes	Mike Carlisle (Resident)	Yes
Eric Bober	NO			Linda Godfrey (Resident)	Yes

Meeting is called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Sabow at 8:00 pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of March 16, 2021

Changes/Additions to minutes: Corrections were shared and made by Eileen Hillock and Jon Hendl.

Moved by: Eileen Hillock Second: Ryan McNair

Unfinished Business:

Tennis/Pickleball Courts presented by Chris O'Reilly

- The 2 new courts and the final finish coat on all 5 courts will be completed in May.
- The issue of signs being posted at the tennis courts with rules and regulations require an ordinance change.
- The use of an App to make reservations was discussed; the App was sent to RAB members earlier to get a feel for: how it would work; the use of a comment section; and, privacy issues. Compliance issues: How would we enforce any reservation system or deny access to someone already on the court without a proper reservation? Currently complaints go to Recreation Director.

- RAB needs to be pro-active to get the message out: registration forms, weekly GR blast, email blast, QR code on signage, go to Borough tennis website for information.
- Rules for using the courts were discussed and included:
 - 1 hour per day, per person (doubles play may pose a problem with multiple reservations);
 - courts will turn over every hour;
 - lessons may only be conducted M-F after 2:00 pm, no weekend lessons;
 - Instructors must register with the Borough, pay a fee, carry a Borough issued ID for lessons;
 - Mounting a clock with an automatic alarm to sound every hour to indicate turnover time;
 - No biking, roller blading, skateboarding allowed on courts.
 - Linda Godfrey inquired: when the new ordinance will be in place. Answer: 1 month - 6 weeks.

Rules for field usage were discussed and also included problems that have arisen:

- Dogs have been running off-lease on the fields, especially at Faber, and signage is being ignored by residents;
- Concerns regarding dogs on the field should be referred to the Special Officer through the non-emergency police telephone number;
- The Dog Park shared a link to the Borough's ordinance related to no dogs on fields in their April communications;
- A set of rules developed by the RAB Director will be formulated and presented at the next meeting;
- Garbage, i.e., water bottles, paper, equipment, clothing, have been left on the fields and must be addressed by the home coach of each team.

Recreational Organization Reports:

Baseball/Softball: Rob Goldberg

- The program is underway for all teams and leagues, including softball, baseball and kickball. Everything has been running smoothly thus far and we are excited to be back on the field and playing. Travel teams are also into their spring seasons now and that is going well. We look forward to them playing the remainder of the spring season and continuing into the summer.

Basketball (Youth): Ryan McNair

- Basketball has 8 travel teams playing in a spring, outdoor league which is new this year.

Basketball (Men's): Keith Stewart

- No report

Dog Park: Eileen Hillock

- GR Heroes Program was a success, 83 people joined at a cost of \$35 per person with proceeds going toward maintenance, ground coverings, plantings, administration, etc. of the Dog Park. Donations can be made at the Dog Park website. A plaque was unveiled at the Heroes Recognition Event April 18th. Welcome Weekends are back on Saturdays and other towns who have attended are Paterson, Elmwood Park, Paramus and Westwood. The Dog Park is sponsoring Henry Pfeiffer's Boy Scout Eagle Project to build a gazebo at the DP. The DP paid \$1200 to Britton Engineering to work through the permits, getting approval for the fundraiser. The gazebo will be used for: dog training classes, service dogs, canine wellness. Water has been turned on at the DP and a thank you goes to DPW. The DP is becoming a great community gathering place.

GR Soccer Club: Aaron Stotebury/Eric Bober

- Spring season is running at full speed; 248 players (pre-K-2); fall registration is open. A soccer festival with other towns took place April 10th.

Jr. Football: Pete Isoldi

- No report

Lacrosse: Matt Deely

- Program is in full swing in the last 2 weeks: practices, games, clinics all following Covid protocol.

Men's Softball: Scott Meltzer

- Program is in full swing.

Shooting Stars: Jon Hendl & Andy Gibbs

- The Spring season has begun. Play at Hamilton is limited to 16 hours per week. GRSS is running its pre-travel academy for K-1 players for the 8th year (it was paused last year because of COVID); GRSS launched a 4 v 4 league for K-1 players (since its longstanding winter indoor program was cancelled this year because of COVID) and the league includes 22 teams of Glen Rock kids; try-outs for the 2021-2022 season are the week of April 25th.

Wrestling: Scott Meltzer

- No report as program did not occur this year due to Covid-19.

Members-at-Large: Anne Camp

- No report

Member-at-Large: Danielle Andrews

- Danielle is continuing to learn about the RAB. She expressed concerns: off-lease dogs on the Borough fields dawn to dusk; Dog Park gates do not lock; dogs are seen at Faber when the lights come on.

Liaison Reports:

GR Council: Rob Dill, Amy Martin, Jon Cole

- Construction on Faber Field is going forward; the first reading has been completed; a group is threatening to block the construction through the use of a referendum boycott; the Council feels it is the right time to move forward. Councilwoman Martin brought to attention some internal conflict between RAB members and asked all to present a professional, united front.

GR BoE: Sinead Rundell

- All spring sports are back and running after the recent quarantine. The HS tennis court rules/regulations have yet to be determined for Borough use; and, the BoE is looking toward the town to see what they develop.

DPW: Bob Buono:

- DPW is working with the Recreation Director; fields have been mowed and lined; locks installed on bathroom doors; “No Dog” signs (with the ordinance) have been posted in 6 different locations (Faber/Memorial). DPW has been picking up a lot of dog waste on the fields; the fields must be safe and playable for all residents.

Friends of the Arboretum:

- No report

Recreation Director Report: Chris O'Reilly

- Pool memberships are at 1/3 and ahead of pace. All park restrooms are open with new handles/locks. The woman's bathroom at Wilde has been repaired. The kiddie pool pump will be installed on April 28/29.

Chairperson's Report

- No report

New Business:

- Nothing presented

Motion to Adjourn at 9:16 pm: Keith Stewart Second: Ryan McNair

Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2021, 8:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Camp