

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



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Glen Rock Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)

June 15, 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			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	Bernadette O'Brien (Resident)	Yes
Pete Isoldi	Yes	Pat Crifo (Resident)	Yes	Danielle Andrews Correale	Yes
Eric Bober	Yes			Naran Baduskov (Resident)	Yes

Meeting is called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Sabow at 8:07 pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of May 18, 2021.

Changes/Additions to minutes: None

Moved by: Andy Gibbs Second: Eric Bober

Recreational Organization Reports:

Baseball: Rob Goldberg

- Our recreation season is coming to an end. It was a great season and we are very happy that all of the athletes got to play and seemed to enjoy themselves. Our spring travel season just concluded as well. Many of our teams were among the best in their age groups, including both of our 9U teams who were the best in their divisions. We are looking forward to our summer travel season for baseball and softball, including our Little League tournament teams.
- 2 Scholarships to GRHS Seniors have been awarded.

Basketball (Youth): Ryan McNair

- Spring season is officially over and seemed to be a nice addition for the teams who participated. We are hoping things return to normal for our next winter season which we will be discussing with BOE come September.
- 6 Scholarships to GRHS Seniors have been awarded.

Basketball (Men's): Keith Stewart

- No report, waiting for fall/winter covid protocols from BOE.

Dog Park: Eileen Hillock

- A “Spring Clean-Up” Volunteer Day was held at the park on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Volunteers weeded within the park and the adjoining “Roots for Rivers” planting area. A shoutout to Girl Scout Isabella Vitelli Roth who chose the DP for her Silver Award and has participated in Spring clean-up, an awareness program and is also currently conducting a pet supply drive for local shelters. Donations may be dropped off at Mail & More.
- * Note: A frequent park-goer complained about the weeds along the outside perimeter of the park/Faber Field. DPW will treat the entire area, as they did last year, in the near future. The park will be closed for 5 days afterwards out of an abundance of caution.
- Permits for the planned installation of a Pavilion and a Storage Shed at the park were received in May and June respectively. The shed, donated by Paterson Home Depot, was installed by Troop # 15 Boy Scouts. The Gazebo will be installed in the near future; the permits have been approved. Cirino Construction has donated the footings for the gazebo.
- 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. Bags may be dropped off at Mail & More and JB Pet Supply in Hawthorne through August 30th.
- The GRDP was chosen as the recipient of the Midland Park ACME’s “Give Back Where It Counts” program for July. ACME will donate \$1 from each reusable bag sold during the entire month of July to the Dog Park.
- As mentioned previously, the inaugural GRDP Hero Program was a tremendous success, garnering support from over 80 families in Glen Rock and other NY and NJ towns. 2021-22 Hero Membership is currently open. Cost is \$35 per family and donations are tax deductible. See www.GlenRockNJDogPark.org for details.

- The GRDP will have a presence at the GR Independence Day parade again this year. It is the non-profit's 6th year of participation.
- The DP is researching hosting a "movie nite" at the park as a fun family friendly event. The plan is to show a dog-related movie.

GR Soccer Club: Aaron Stotebury/Eric Bober

- GRSC is introducing a new program: an Adult Soccer League. GRSC is moving forward, planning is complete. GRSC realizes there is limited field space and is looking to Fair Lawn and Bergen County for field space/usage.
- Spring soccer finishes this weekend, June 19-20. Summer sessions for Pre-K begins soon; fall registration is open.
- 2 Scholarships to GRHS Seniors have been awarded.

Jr. Football: Pete Isoldi

- We are returning to tackle FB in the fall. Early registration has just ended and we have had a large turnout for the Peewee tackle (3rd/4th) and Flex (1st/2nd) programs. Peewee's will have an A & B team (first time in 5 years) and Flex will be able to split squads to play 2 games at once. We plan on starting both football and cheer practice in mid-August.
- 3 scholarships were given to GRHS Seniors, 2 cheerleading, 1 FB.

Lacrosse: Matt Deely

- The LAX season just wrapped up, clinics finished last weekend;
- Fall clinics are planned provided there is field space.
- 2 scholarships were given to GRHS Seniors.

Men's Softball: Scott Meltzer

- The season is going well and will continue through mid-August when the playoffs conclude. One issue arose a few weeks ago with the Hamilton Color Fun Run. It was not coordinated between GR BOE and RAB sports teams, which resulted in a morning of scheduling conflicts with GR men's softball and GRSS soccer games requiring field changes at the last minute. Will follow-up with Sinead Rundell and Jim Leonard to ensure better coordination and communication going forward for BOE events which take priority but require communication to affected sports teams.

Shooting Stars: Jon Hendl/Andy Gibbs

- Season completed, very successful year;
- Several flight winners and cup finalists;
- Sent out invitations for the 2021-2022 season and should finalize teams shortly;
- 3 scholarship recipients announced during the awards ceremony at the high school.

Wrestling: Scott Meltzer

- GR junior wrestling has no activity upcoming but we are getting organized starting in the fall for upcoming season.

Members-at-Large: Anne Camp

- No report

Member-at-Large: Danielle Andrews

- No report

Liaison Reports:

GR BOE: Sinead Rundell

- No report

GR Council Report:

- New Recreation Director: search is underway, there has been an overwhelming response; several have been interviewed.
- The timeline for hiring will be early July, 2021.
- After July 4th, the Council will develop guidelines/protocols for returning to face-to-face meetings. The RAB was asked to consider: continuing with zoom meetings; developing a hybrid plan; or, returning to in-person meetings at the Municipal Building. The infrastructure is not set-up presently for a hybrid plan. It was determined to table the idea until more information was available. The RAB July meeting will be zoom unless technology is in place.
- Lights at Faber Field: The consensus was to keep the lights on until 10:00 pm with a timer installed so that the lights do not remain on all night as recently happened. Keith Stewart believes there is an ordinance in place for 10:00 pm lights-out. Eileen Hillock suggested a wireless network to turn lights on/off.
- The Senior Advisory group wants to be a member of the RAB.

- Jon Cole asked for all RAB groups to submit their 501c3s. All groups stated this information is submitted annually and does not have to be done again.
- An RAB member suggested that a more efficient way to organize the snack bar lines at the pool needs to be developed.

DPW: Bob Buono:

- DPW has been busy with the fields. Upper Faber's outfield is a focus with new top soil, seed, etc. DPW will need two days to complete the work. Remedial work will also be done at Memorial. Best time to do that was asked, it was recommended to contact Jim Leonard for field availability.
- Dogs are still running off-leash at several of the Borough fields; when they see Bob, they owners/dogs leave.
- DPW was asked to weed the bocci ball court.
- DPW is in the process of establishing a Litter Patrol as soon as school is out for the summer.

Chairperson's Report: Mark Sabow

- Mark Sabow asked Jon Cole to develop a Conflict Resolution proposal to be used as a starting point for discussion and approval that meets the RAB needs; then onto the Council for approval and a change to the bylaws. RAB members are asked to submit their thoughts/ideas to the group before the next meeting. Here is the proposal:

Given that the Recreation Advisory Board is comprised of representatives of numerous organizations, it is not unlikely that, on occasion, two or more of these groups, acting with good intent and in the best interests of those they represent, will find themselves at loggerheads. The first course of action when such a conflict arises should be a meeting of the representatives of said organizations in dispute, and every attempt should be made to resolve any disagreements between them.

Should a resolution not result, one or more of the parties finding themselves engaged in the quarrel will notify the chair of RAB. The chair may, at his or her discretion, appoint a subcommittee to research and discuss the conflict for the purpose of finding a resolution in the best interest of the borough. The chair of RAB or the subcommittee itself may choose to appoint a chair of the subcommittee, said chair being from among the members of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee will present findings and recommendations to the members of RAB at a regularly scheduled meeting, a quorum being required. The representative members of RAB will have the responsibility of voting on proposed recommendations, a majority ruling.

In the rare case that a majority cannot be achieved, the chair of RAB may appeal to the borough's Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director, being an employee of the borough, may, as needed, consult with the Mayor, the Chief Administrator, and the Borough Council. The Director's ruling in such matters will be considered final.

- Fundraising for the roller hockey rink: the estimate for fixing the rink is thought to be \$500,000 which includes a new surface, boards, etc. The original cost may have been between \$300,000-\$400,000.
- RAB is charged with developing an alternate use for the space, suggestions were: placing a bubble over the rink to maximize usage; making it a hard surface multi use facility, a skate boarding park (although liability insurance may be high), look at Wyckoff and their facility to get new ideas. Any new ideas are to be sent to the RAB Chairperson.

Resident Remarks:

- A resident, Bernadette O'Brien, has been teaching a water fitness class at the pool for 12 years and was recently told she could no longer have the class due to covid. She carefully explained the benefits of water fitness and Council member, Amy Martin, stated that the Council was aware and would contact her the following day with an update.
- Pat Crifo thought that the RAB would be a good contact point for Senior groups to be represented.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:26 by: Keith Stewart Second: Aaron Stotebury

- Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2021 at 8:00 pm via Zoom, Hybrid
- Respectfully submitted by Anne Camp, Secretary RAB

Updates that have occurred after the RAB meeting:

- Faber Field bidding process is planned to start July 1, 2021. Possibly an award the a bid can be made at the July meeting which is at the end of the month. Breaking ground is expected to be in September.
- Lower Faber will be closed for the fall 2021. Grass will be playable fall of 2022 since the grass must be given a season to take.
- A new director of Parks & Recreation has been hired and begins July 12th.
- Glen Rock Shooting Stars has decided to cancel it's K-1 Fall competitive program, and sent the below note to all registrants. We will continue to do our Winter K-1 Indoor and Spring Pre Travel academy as we have done over the last 10 years.

- The water fitness classes, offered through the GR Community School, have resumed.