

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday January 10, 2017

8pm

Attendance: Jim Leonard, Pete Isoldi, Aaron Stotesbury, Bob Gifford, Matt Sullivan, Matt Deely, Mike O'Hagan, Mark Sabow, Anne Camp, Katie Frey

Old Business: Mike O'Hagan and Mark Sabow brought the meeting to order and started by discussing our previous meeting regarding the possibility of fees being implemented by the Board of Ed. They went over the Boards budget information that can be found on their website and discussed how it looks like charging has nothing to do with maintaining the fields but fixing their budget. The RAB would like to have more say in where their money is going and would like to know details; what amount are they looking to get? Is there an earmarked line item? Can we see and make sure our money is going to the intended place?

Committee members suggested that 1)the BOE needs money and sports are the easiest to go after 2) That they'll cut middle school and freshman sports and we'll end up taking them on and having to pay more for fields. 3) They need to let their parents know and get them to mobilize and prevent this from happening. 4) If they charge us then we need to charge them for their use of Borough fields.

Mark and Mike suggested that we first wait until we find out more details and numbers from the BOE, and then when it comes time to get people at the BOE meetings, we put out a united statement to all the teams for them to mobilize. The joint meeting will be held Wednesday January 18.

New Business

Mike O' Hagan informed the RAB that Finance meetings were occurring and the Borough had a new engineering firm. Upcoming projects being discussed are Faber field, tennis court, roller rink, and basketball court repairs.

This lead to a discussion on Faber Field problems and suggestions. The main complaints heard were that there is no grass, it is mud and dust, there are holes and rocks, and you sink in the diamond of Field B.

Pete Isoldi brought up the idea that if Faber was reconfigured the space could be better used and rotated better. By rotating the baseball field to a corner of the property and taking down the fencing, it would open up space for another small sided field. Moving the baseball diamond to another area may make the play area smaller but Jim Leonard said as long as we have the High

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School and Upper Faber, we don't need 3 full fields. Then we could keep baseball at Upper Faber and give Lower to Soccer, Football, and Lacrosse.

The short term plan of getting rid of the clay at B and putting some surface down to open the field for more use for roughly thirty thousand dollars was agreed upon by everyone. The concerns with this included, when we could start, how long it would take, and would we be looking at a fast turnaround or would be losing field space for a year?

Board of Education Update

No report submitted

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

No Reports

Members at Large

No Report

Parks & Recreation Department

No report submitted

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, February 14 at 8pm

Respectfully submitted,

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