

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday June 12, 2018

8pm

Attendance: Mark Sabow, Katie Frey, Jim Leonard, John Vergel De Dios, Brian VanSchoonhoven, Aaron Stotesbury, Pete Isoldi

Old Business: We have not had a BOE representative in attendance since the beginning of the year and for some time before that because the meeting times conflict. The question was posed as to whether or not we should change our meeting time to a different day of the week or a different week of the month so that they can attend. The weeds at Fisher are still bad and after a discussion the Board is asking the council if we can switch to chemicals instead of organic so that we can kill the weeds and get the grass growing again. This will be brought up at the next council meeting/work session. If we can make the switch, we'd like to do it to finish out the fall season and get a fertilizer down.

New Business: John Vergel De Dios was introduced as the new representative for Shooting Stars Soccer and Brian Van Schoonhoven for Rec Basketball. Fall field allocations were passed out.

Board of Education Update: No report

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

GRBSA- 10u just ended their Little League run, The 8/9/10 softball team made it to the final game but lost, 12 year softball team lost and was out, 12 year old baseball were 2 games shy of the finals. The 11 year olds were starting that night. The switch to Little League means getting used to the rules and more competition and pressure. There are a lot of games and coaches and to start looking at pitching. Parents were a big help making their kids available. There wasn't a lot of depth for this season but next year will be better. The 12u Cooperstown team will be playing for a week the week of the 14th. Being a part of Little League seems to open doors, a Columbia film school reached out about a dark comedy called "Balk" that was looking for Little League players to be extras.

A new summer sandlot program had 12 kids participate. Older kids wanted to travel but they couldn't put together a group fast enough so they played pickup games. 2 kids from Oakland heard about it and joined in. The program let kids pick the teams and gives kids not on travel or club a chance to play.

Lacrosse-No report

GRSC- Regular registration is closed. There are 500 kids. There was a dropoff in older kids but an increase in the younger. NW Bergen is asking its coaches to take a Positive Coaching course because of the amount of coaches from other programs who have been fined for altercations. All referees have to sit in a class for USSF. The travel draft is in two weeks and late registration is currently going on.

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GRSS- Numbers are the same. The Shooting Stars have a new Board and new uniforms. They decided not to go to the Wall Tournament this year and will instead go to Woodbury in October. This is because they were sending 28 teams and only 4 would be winning. The reason behind switch tournaments is to find a more even playing field. In the off season they had training and camps. They are offering a coaching course. They are still looking for more field time at the high school.

Jr Football- Registration is open and the numbers are at the same spot. It's flat but rising slightly.

Wrestling-No report

Basketball- Not much happening because it's the off season. Looking for storage space for equipment, but a 6x10 unit is \$90/month at the facility on Broad. Jim Leonard suggested storing some equipment in the baseball shed at Fisher.

Men's Basketball-No Report

Member Reports- No report

Recreation Director Report: There has been talk to set up a meeting about Lower Faber to discuss plans and engineers. When this happens everyone on the Board will be emailed with information from it. The bids for the retaining wall at Wilde Memorial are being opened this week and will go to council for approval the next week. The bid has a strict timeline for the contractors to follow so that this project is complete by Labor Day. The kiddie pool pump failed and had to be rebuilt. A spare pump was moved into its spot to get us through weekends but the rebuilt pump failed again on opening day causing us to close the kiddie pool for the afternoon. Maintenance crews came in and worked on the issue until 6pm that night and corrected the issue that the pool was reopened for the rest of the night and the next day. The issue came from the electrical panel getting wet. Work on the panel will be done in the fall once the pool closes. The 1st Music Festival will be held this weekend. It was poorly advertised because we did not have a full lineup until the last minute because of bands losing members to injury and vacation. The date is also not the best choice and many people will be away. For next year we plan to advertise earlier and use store windows, a-frame boards, social media, etc.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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