

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday June 13, 2017

8pm

Attendance: Elizabeth Carr, Matt Deely, Aaron Stotesbury, Robert Gifford, Pete Isoldi Bob Bourne, Mike O'Hagan, Mark Sabow, Jim Leonard, Keith Stewart, Katie Frey

In May's Minutes, under old business the line "emails that were changed" needs to be revised to say "emails that were exchanged". Liz Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Bob Bourne seconded the motion.

Old Business: Liz Carr will be having an operations meeting with the new superintendent and a topic of conversation will be the problems we are having with the fields Mike O'Hagan also sent another email to Skip Huisings and Dean Ackerman about the concerns with people using the High Schools Lower Soccer Field. He also spoke with some officers about our issues with groups using the fields on Sundays. Also at the Borough and Board of Education's joint meeting, the issue of parking at the Coleman fields was discussed again. People are parking on both sides of the street and blocking driveways. This is not only a problem for homeowners but also emergency services since the street is already narrow.

New Business: The Recreation Department is putting in for the Bergen County Open Space Grant to replace the toddler playground in Wilde Memorial Park as well as complete one more project in Wilde using the awarded grant money as well as money allocated in the budget for renovations. The choices for the second project were renovations to the double tennis court (patching cracks and birdbath areas, installing multiuse sport court, painting tennis, pickle ball, and basketball lines, installing new tennis net posts and basketball hoops) \$121,000 or renovations to the hockey rink (patching cracks and birdbath areas, installing multi-use sports court, painting lines for hockey and box lacrosse) \$137,000. The project not chosen would be re-submitted for 2018's Capital Budget. Matt Deely suggested the possibility of adding a wall to one side so that it could be used for individuals who want to practice tennis, lacrosse, and play wall ball against it. It was unanimously decided that the tennis court renovation would cater to more people in the community.

Board of Education Update: Dr. Valenti will be finishing her time with Glen Rock on June 30th. Bruce Watson will be coming on as the new superintendent. The BOE was going to bid for the tennis court renovations which should be completed before the school year and start of the tennis season.

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

GRBSA- Rec Softball and Baseball ended this weekend. There were 760 kids registered and 137 in the kickball program. Championships, clinics, and All-Star games were played over the

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weekend. Upper Faber, which we need to go back to calling Fisher Field, is loved by those playing on it. There are lights out in the outfield and Katie Frey was notified and working on it with DPW. A lot of baseballs are getting lost to the dump and it is worth looking into more netting on the 1st baseline to prevent foul balls from leaving the field. Main Street Field needs to be cleaned up.

GRSC-Registration is at a healthy number for this time of the year. Registration will end Friday and after that late fees will be included. The program is shy of 500 people and the pre-k and K program have hit a waitlist cap.

GRSS-Travel ends this week. There is a Father's Day Tournament in Ridgewood. 2 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors. Top Soccer is a new program being offered that will pair up adult and student volunteers with special needs children. This program will be offered on Sundays for 6 weeks in September-October. Volunteers will be from Glen Rock but participants can be from anywhere. Volunteers will be asked to commit to their partner.

Youth Basketball-No report

Jr Football-Early registration closed last week. Numbers are flat. There a possibility of a 2nd grade team. Currently have offseason programming with high school coaches and team to get the kids out there. Giant's tickets will be raffled off as a fundraiser.

Lacrosse Association-Lacrosse wrapped up this week. They had 400+ kids registered which is flat from 2016. They sent 3 boys from the 8th grade team and 2 girls to the State Tournament. 1 player has made the National Warrior Team (unfortunately GR will be losing him to private school). Lacrosse was happy with their turf time this year but would like better communication with the high school. There were many times when they got cancelled last minute for a high school program, but then that program would end early or not use the space and the field would lay dormant. This led to lacrosse having to cancel games and still pay people and also contributes to our constant struggle of keeping those who don't belong on the fields off.

Members at Large: Keith Stewart mentioned that the DPW did a fantastic job on the fields this spring especially for the Memorial Day Tournament. The visiting towns thought we had dynamite fields.

Parks & Recreation Department- In July, fall sports should all sit down together and put together a new field allocation schedule instead of following the same one as years past. Henry Feuss and Art Faber were hired as the new Assistant Managers at the Pool.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Frey

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