

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday May 8, 2018

8pm

Attendance: Mark Sabow, Anne Camp, Bob Bourne, Robert Gifford, Aaron Stotesburg, Jim Leonard, Katie Frey, Peter Isoldi

Old Business: There were complaints about the porta johns at Main again this year. Last year the complaints were that it was right next to the community garden and no one wants to garden next to it and that it was at the end of the field. This year it was moved along the back fence in the outfield away from people but close enough to the field. We have gotten many complaints but from one person who is not happy with looking at it. The location is perfect for everyone and there is a resident on Main who has a porta john on their front lawn during construction, so we will not be moving this one until baseball no longer needs it. The dog park will be going forward.

We need to start looking at a Master Plan for Faber Field.

New Business: The rec groups were asked if they would be willing to put in \$100 at most each year to help supplement the AEDS. It was brought up that since these were a gift to the town (from sources other than rec) it should be supplemented by the town or the ones who gifted it, especially since they are for everyone not just sports programs. The town does have a budget for it and should be responsible but if the money was needed we could revisit this talk.

Residents who want to rent fields for parties asked about being able to use bounce houses. The main concern is what these will do to the grass and fields. Do we want to say yes and then tell people no based on the situation or just make it a no across the board. It was agreed that we don't want to be put in a maybe position, plus its already hard to find free times on the field so it would be easier to say no to all bounce house requests pertaining to private party permits.

Board of Education Update: No report

Recreational Athletic Organization Updates

GRBSA- The season is midway through. Will be entering the Little League Tiurnament with combined 9/10 year olds and then 11 and 12 year olds. It is double elimination and there is a heavy commitment involved. There were complaints about the lip at Memorial causing the ball to take bad hops and there was a bad hop at Fisher that led to a player breaking their nose. Main street field needs to be turned over. There are posts missing at 60 feet on Fisher. Applications for the scholarship were collected, there were 2 boys and 2 girls.

Lacrosse- No report

GRSC- Registration is open and things are quiet. They only had 2 boys and 3 girls apply for the scholarship.

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GRSS- Shooting Stars is mid-way through Spring travel season. Shooting Stars is running its "Pre-Travel Academy" program for kindergartners and first-graders, which is typically well-received and this year serves 42 children from Glen Rock. Due to field allocations, this program has been held at Faber Brookside, which seems to be in particularly poor shape this season, and Shooting Stars has received verbal complaints about the conditions there. However, Shooting Stars has been working with Katie Frey and some of the other sports organizations to relocate the program to some of the more grassy sections of the field and wishes to thank Katie and our counterparts at baseball and lacrosse for this accommodation. Katie and Jim Leonard also played a key role in enabling Shooting Stars to host a late scheduled "County Cup" game for our 2006 Boys Red team at the Hamilton School fields. Last week Shooting Stars got its Spring TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) program off the ground, notwithstanding the inclement weather. TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is administered by Glen Rock Middle School and Glen Rock High School student volunteers. For the Spring, Shooting Stars has 15 players and 28 student volunteer "buddies" enrolled in this program. For the first time in recent memory, Shooting Stars is fielding U19 teams for our boys and girls. These teams are comprised mainly of boys and girls with Glen Rock High School varsity or junior varsity experience who want to get touches on the ball as they head into tryouts this Summer. The U19 boys are currently 3-1 in their flight and the U19 girls are currently 3-2 in their flight. The response from both teams has been very positive. Finally, Shooting Stars is gearing up for its 2018-2019 travel season. Shooting Stars currently has 356 candidates registered for tryouts.

Jr Football-No report

Wrestling-No report

Basketball- No report

Men's Basketball-No Report

Member Reports- No reports

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, June 12 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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