

**PARAMUS RECREATION COMMISSION**

**January 22nd, 2020**

**Minutes**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Meeting Called To Order By: Chairman Zysman**

**Time: 7:05PM**

**1. Roll Call of Board Members:**

P	Dennis Arslanian	P	Mike Pallotto
P	Michael Bellinger	P	Paula Perides
P	Vince Feorenzo	P	Bill Stallone
P	Josie Giugliano	P	Gary Zysman, Chairman
A	Jeff Lepselter	P	Holly Tedesco-Santos, Council Liason
P	Megan Schaffer, Director	A	Stephanie Garino, Asst Director
P	Ed Grill, Asst. Director	A	Dan Conte, Program Coordinator

**2. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

A. Barry Strathman, 20 Beech St, Maywood NJ  
Presented a Co-Ed Childrens Bowling Program beginning Saturdays, Fall 2020. Ages to include 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – High School. Fee: Registration \$35.00 plus Weekly Fee of \$8.00

**3. COUNCIL LIASON REPORT**

A. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos reported that the Mayor is currently forming a planning committee for the development of a new recreation center. Location of this project is still to be determined.

**4. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT**

A. Liason Allison Donohue introduced herself to the commission, and expressed excitement of a continued positive relationship between Recreation and the BOE.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Chairman Zysman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2019 meeting, Commissioner Feorenzo approved, Commissioner Pallotto seconded the motion, and all in attendance voted in favor.

**6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. Chairman Zysman asked for a motion to approve the current financial report, Commissioner Pallotto approved, Commissioner Giugliano seconded the motion, and all in attendance voted in favor.

**7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**New Business**

A. 2020 Football & Cheer Coaching Intent Deadlines – February 1<sup>st</sup>/Football – April 1/Cheer  
B. Football/Cheer Uniforms

- a. Director Schaffer discussed that anyone who has yet to turn in their cheerleading uniform will be receiving in invoice for the cost of the uniform. Until that fee is paid, their online registration account will be locked.
  - b. Director Schaffer mentioned the idea of having the Recreation Department purchase football uniforms and having the player return that uniform at the end of each season in order to save money for participants. She stated that this would be further discussed with the football board to see what would work out best.
- C. Holiday Ordinance
- a. Director Schaffer explained that due to some discrepancies with coaches, and scheduling, the Recreation Department is proposing an ordinance that restricts coaches from scheduling mandatory practices, games, or scrimmages on specific holidays.
- D. Volunteer Coaches Discount
- a. Director Schaffer requested the approval of the commission to pass an ordinance that gave volunteer coaches a 25% discount on programs, in appreciation for their dedicated time.
- E. Men's Slow Pitch
- a. Director Schaffer informed the board that she will be meeting with managers from the Men's Slow Pitch Softball League. She discussed that to avoid repeating any issues from previous years, managers would be responsible for providing a roster of participants, and only those individuals would be eligible to register for their team.
- F. Girls Softball
- a. Director Schaffer informed the commission that the recreation softball participants would be entered into the Kinderkamack League.
  - b. She explained that this league is comprised of local recreation teams. The rules of this league were formed in order to promote development of players, but still keep the game competitive.
- G. Cost Benefit Analysis/Fee List
- a. Director Schaffer went through the major losses of funds on programs in 2019, and discussed the plan on closing the gap of those numbers moving forward.
  - b. She explained that she would be finalizing the fee lists for 2020 for final approval in the February meeting.

## **Old Business**

- A. Competitive Cheer
- a. Director Schaffer informed the commission that one of the current cheer coaches approached her with the idea of starting a competitive cheer team for grades 5-8.
  - b. She explained that the team would begin after football season and would enter a handful of competitions.
  - c. Director Schaffer stated that with some detailed planning over the next few months, that this program could be very successful.
- B. Spring Break Programs
- a. Director Schaffer presented to the commission the new programs taking place over spring break. These programs include; Yankee Game, CSI Course, Lets Bloom Together and Sports Camp
- C. New Programs
- a. Spring Pickleball Clinic – Grades 3-Adult
  - b. Ultimate Frisbee – Grades 5-8
  - c. Legos, Dance, Chef It Up
- D. Board of Education
- a. After coordinating with the Facilities Department, the BOE will be keeping the PHS Track Lights on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00PM – 9:00PM for public walking.

- b. The Board of Education informed Recreation that PHS & East Brook Turf will not be utilized for soccer this spring due to the placement of the lacrosse nets, and the safety involved.

## **8. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **A. Basketball**

- a. Assistant Director Grill informed the commission that intown and travel basketball are well underway.
- b. He expressed that the intown basketball program has been competitive thus far, which is a good example of a successful team drafting process.

### **B. Wrestling**

- a. Asst. Director Ed Grill stated that the Jr. Wrestling program has been a success.
- b. He stated that the program has grown tremendously in numbers and the quad matches are set to take place in the very desirable main gym at PHS.

### **Motion for Adjournment:**

Chairman Zysman made a motion for adjournment. Motion accepted by Commissioner Stallone,  
Seconded: Commissioner Pallotto.

All in Attendance in Favor Meeting Adjourned: 8:49PM