

PARAMUS RECREATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 23RD, 2019
Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Called To Order By: Gary Zysman, Chairman **Time:** 7:02PM

1. ROLL CALL:

<u>P</u> Dennis Arslanian	<u>P</u> Mike Pallotto
<u>P</u> Michael Bellinger	<u>P</u> Paula Perides
<u>AB</u> Vince Feorenzo	<u>P</u> Bill Stallone
<u>P</u> Josie Giugliano	<u>P</u> Gary Zysman, Chairman
<u>P</u> Jeff Lepselter	<u>AB</u> Pat Verile, Council Liason (Council Meeting)

Also in Attendance:

<u>P</u> Stephanie Garino, Asst Director	<u>P</u> Megan Schaffer, Asst. Director
<u>AB</u> Ken Raschen, Shade Tree	<u>AB</u> Jay Sexton, Shade Tree

2. HEARING OF PUBLIC

- A. Craig Jenkins, Asst. Manager, Stop & Shop – 859 Rt. 17 South
- a. Mr. Jenkins informed the commission that the renovations of the Stop & Shop on Rt. 17 would be taking place very shortly. He stated that the goal of the company was to keep as much of the shopping center open as they could throughout the renovations.
 - b. Mr. Jenkins advised the commission that if they were in need of any sort of sponsorship or funding, that Stop & Shop would like to contribute to the community, and to reach out with any requests as soon as possible.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bellinger **First** Commissioner Giugliano **Second**

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Bellinger **First** Commissioner Giugliano **Second**

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- A. Pat Verile who was not in attendance asked Asst. Director Schaffer to inform the Commission that Mr. Pat Dillworth – Teehans Brew and long time Paramus Resident has been diagnosed with Brain Cancer at 49 with a Family. A group will be participating in the Sea Bright Polar Bear Plunge to help raise

funds in Mr. Dillworths honor.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Asst. Director Schaffer discussed the updating of permit and program fees, as well as policies and procedures for permit requests.
- B. She stated that after conducting cost/benefit analysis's and comparing fees with surrounding communities, there will be small increases in the 2019 fee list.
- C. These comparisons and cost/benefits will be presented and reviewed prior to the approval of fees.

7. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Assistant Director Garino presented to the board the a SKIT program will be hosting a disabilities acting program here at the community room one day per week. This program will offered to Paramus residents with disabilities.
- B. Stephanie informed the board that all site supervisors, score keepers and coaches were provided Paramus tshirts recognizing their position with the borough for events.
- C. Asst. Director Garino almost mentioned that the department would be applying for a lacrosse grant that would supply the borough with 30 sticks, 30 balls, and goals.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CHEERLEADING

- a. Awards dinner to be hosted on January 27th.

B. SUMMER PLAYGROUND

- a. Assist. Director Schaffer mentioned offering a registration schedule allowing past participants the opportunity to pre-register to secure their place at summer playground. This allowing the department to have a better idea of participation while hiring.
- b. A sample registration packet was presented for the commission to review. The new registration packets would include allergy forms, walking home permission, epi pen forms, emergency contacts etc...
- c. During this discussion, the idea of wrist bands for trips was revisited and will be implemented for this summer.

C. WRESTLING

- a. Asst. Director Schaffer presented some concerns by a wrestling parent regarding the email communication from the head coach. She stated that she will be following up with him regarding his emails and being more informative and consistent with timing.

D. PERSONNEL

- a. Min Wage Update - \$8.85/hr – Steps Chaging

E. COACHES DINNER

- a. Nominations – Asst. Director Schaffer presented nomination forms to the commission to begin their process of consideration for coach of the year.

- b. The commission discussed having the coach's dinner in the smaller ballroom at Biaggios in the first week of April.
- c. They asked if the department could reach out to Biaggios regarding a menu.

F. FOOTBALL

- a. Asst. Director Schaffer informed the commission that helmets have been sent out for reconditioning, and 75 new helmets are being ordered.

G. NEW PRO/SP.EVENTS

- a. Asst. Director Schaffer provided information on a new program coming this spring called "Intro to Sports". The program will be 8 weeks long, and every two week ages 2-5 will learn a new sport.

H. SOFTBALL GIRLS

- a. Commissioner Lepselter presented a possible situation to the board. He informed them that an out of town participant showed interest in playing for Paramus Borough Travel Softballs.
- b. Commissioner Lepselter explained to the board that this individual lives in a municipality that does not have a travel softball program. He stated that this is recognized by the league and allows her to play for a neighboring town.
- c. Mr. Lepselter informed the board that as a pitcher, this individual holds a specific skill set that none of the current players have, and would make her an asset to the team.
- d. After some discussion, the board agreed that this participant would have to tryout with the Paramus participants, and earn a spot on the team like any other player.

I. ROLLER HOCKEY

- a. The commission discussed waiting until the surface of the roller hockey rink gets upgraded before replacing the existing scoreboard.
- b. The commission also mentioned seeking sponsorships to help fund the replacement of the scoreboard.

J. LACROSSE

- a. Asst. Director Garino stated that the grade 2-6 Girls Lacrosse Clinic was almost filled up.
- b. She stated that she was looking to set up a meeting with the lacrosse personnel to start scheduling fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned by Gary Zysman, Second by Mike Palatto.(8:32pm)