

**Regular Meeting**  
**Recreation Commission**  
**Borough of Rumson**

April 20, 2016

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM.**

Present: John Lembeck, Chairman; James Dengler, Alternate Chair; Kerry Chandler; Daniel Bavuso; Michael Cecil; Chris Hawke; and Jonathan B. Kiley.

Kevin Delia, Recreation Director, was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the April 20th, 2016 Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written was approved by Michael Cecil and seconded by James Dengler. All in favor.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Barrett was asked to provide some suggestions for some additional landscaping to help refresh the parks. John Lembeck suggested having the recreation commissioners take a walk through the parks to have a look at the landscaping to give their opinions to Steve Barrett and to also see what Steve would suggest. John asked Kevin to find a date that worked for Steve to walk through the parks and email an invite to the Recreation Commissions.

**GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- The treasures report was provided by Helen Graves to the Recreation Commission.
- John Lembeck explained that the amount of money in the account is higher than it is normally and the Recreation Commission should investigate using some of the surplus on park equipment that is outdated or deteriorating, especially at the playground in Victory Park.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on his suggestion for raising the late fees. He explained that the late registrations from a time period of February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 came to a total of \$2350 for 94 late registrations at \$25 per. Then from February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 were \$4950 for 99 late registrations at \$50 per. Kevin explained that the late registrations are not deterring people from registering late and suggested that the late fee be increased to \$100 beginning spring 2017.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission about rescheduling the Little League Opening Day Parade to later in the season. JB Kiley added that he would like to see a baseball game be played after the ceremonial first pitch to have more substance to it and make it an event. John Lembeck thought that the later it gets it becomes too close to the

Memorial Day Parade and maybe we should just ask the kids to walk in that this year as opposed to rescheduling the Little League Parade.

- John Lembeck asked the Recreation Commissions to walk with him in the Memorial Day Parade so that the members of the community can see who they are. All were in favor and would confirm later to their attendance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- The members of the Recreation Commission discussed the next two sections of the Recreation Commission Policies Draft, TRAVEL SPORTS POLICIES AND COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING in depth. Once the recommended changes are made by Kevin Delia the Recreation Commission Policies will be updated and made available for review. Once all sections are discussed at length and recommended changes made the policies shall be codified by the town council.
- JB Kiley proposed that the Rumson Travel Baseball teams be authorized to function under the umbrella of the Rumson Recreation Commission. He said that all the coaches are on board with the general guidelines that were presented to them. Kevin Delia asked what the plan was going forward with the guidelines, was it to start immediately or later. JB Kiley told the Recreation Commission that the guidelines will go into effect after the spring season of 2016. A discussion continued about the time spent on the travel sports programs and how to govern them properly. John Lembeck asked for a vote for the inclusion of the travel baseball teams into Rumson Recreation Dan Bavuso made a motion and it was seconded by Mike Cecil. 5 to 1 in favor, Kerry Chandler voted no.
- Kevin Delia discussed opening up the Chess program for the fall. He asked for permission from the Recreation Commission to begin this program. He said he would get high school chess players to volunteer hours and have parental supervision there as well.
- Kevin Delia updated the Recreation Commission on the baseball equipment that was purchased and told them everything was on the fields and everyone seemed to be pleased.
- Kevin Delia explained the interest in pickleball registration and how quickly the sessions filled up. He also told the Recreation Commission about the thought behind using tape or chalk for the lines that are need for the courts at Victory Park tennis courts. Kevin continued with the reason behind restricting the registration to adults only. He explained that due to not having any adult programs Kevin wanted to just allow adults to enjoy the program.
- Chris Hawke provided the Recreation Commission with an update on the age groupings change for the fall of 2016 MOSA soccer season. He also said that the heading rules are now mandated for all travel soccer leagues.
- Kevin Delia discussed the on-line registration system that Recreation Department currently uses and the thought behind changing to a new company. He added that there are payment differences as well as told the Recreation Commission about the benefit for the coaches and families for communications on the new site. He said the plan is to wait until the middle of summer to switch over to not cause any disturbance in the registration

periods. Kevin also said it has not been decided but he is leaning towards switching with the approval of Tom Rogers and Helen Graves.

- Kevin Delia asked about group trips for professional sporting events. John Lembeck said that this community is not one that needs group trips to afford kids the opportunity to go to professional sporting events.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session) at 8:44pm**

- Advisory Role

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:57pm**

Dan Bavuso made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Hawke. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia