

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

May 18, 2016

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

Present: John Lembeck, Chairman; James Dengler, Alternate Chair;; Daniel Bavuso; Chris Hawke; and Jonathan B. Kiley. Kerry Chandler and Michael Cecil entered at 7:05pm.

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dorothy Whitehouse was present and explained her reason for attending the meeting. She said she wanted to learn more about the Recreation Commission and the involvement of the commissioners in the community.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Barrett was deferred until the June meeting. Kevin Delia said he didn't have time to get a meeting together with Steve and the Recreation Commissioners and will get it scheduled during June.
- John Lembeck expressed his pleasure with the DPW and the work they did on West Park's shrubberies and areas that were mulched.
- John also explained to the Recreation Commission about the conversation he had with Tom Rogers and Kevin Delia regarding Victory Park's playground. He said that the initial plan to rebuild the playground has been reexamined by the new engineer for the Borough of Rumson, Dave Marks. Dave has advised Tom Rogers that the playground structures are adequate and just need some minor updating and repairs. John continued to say that he and a local builder will volunteer their time to do the work on the playground structures.
- Kevin Delia discussed the renovated bathrooms at Meadow Ridge Park and the plan for increasing the size and use of the building that houses the bathrooms. John Lembeck added that a faux roof will be added to hide the ventilation systems on the roof.
- Jim Dengler said that the path at Meadow Ridge was still not in good shape and it actually seems worse. Kevin Delia explained the process that was used to fix the bad areas by DPW. Dan Bavuso suggested that the Recreation Commission use some of its resources to renovate the path at Meadow Ridge. Kerry Chandler added that the path is

very hard and needs something else to soften it and make it look better. All the Recreation Commissioners would like to see some money put into the path.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- The treasures report was provided by Helen Graves, Borough of Rumson CFO to the Recreation Commission.
- John Lembeck discussed the amount of money that is in the account and the possible utilization of some for the repairs on the bathrooms at Meadow Ridge and the material on the park structures in Victory Park.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on the field fees that were now adopted as a resolution by the town council.
- Kevin Delia then explained the Power and Duties; Funding policy that was provided by Helen Graves. She told Kevin that it is the Recreation Commissions responsibility to set the fees associated to the programs and provide Helen a list of fees before the next season. Kevin explained that it is up to the Recreation Commission to set the fees for each season prior to registration. John explained that the fees were set by maintaining a zero profit for each program.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- The members of the Recreation Commission discussed the next two sections of the Recreation Commission Policies Draft, TRAVEL SPORTS POLICIES (revisited) AND PARKS AND FIELD MANAGEMENT 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.
- No updates were provided on travel baseball.
- JB Kiley asked about the Kevin James Baseball summer camp and could the Recreation Department promote is more. Kevin Delia explained that the amount of promotion for their camp is the same as the other camps that Rumson Recreation sponsors or runs.
- Kevin Delia explained the spring sports programs are moving along without much of an issue for rescheduling make-up games due to weather.
- Kevin asked the recreation Commission about what they would like to do about raising money for resurfacing the basketball courts or charging field fees for use of Victory Park. The Recreation Commission was in favor of charging the fees.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission that fall registration has started.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission about the creation a 2<sup>nd</sup> and grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Hockey clinic due to the limitations that were presented by the joint effort with Fair Haven.
- Chris Hawke discussed the travel soccer tryouts and the age groupings in depth. He said the turnout has been varied across the teams.

- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission to approve new travel soccer coaches for the Fall of 2016; Robert Butter, President of RSC/MOSA; Brian Bosnca-GU12; John Wurch-BU14/15; Meagan Collard and Alex Smith-Ryland-GU11; Stephanie Cupps-GU9. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission for permission to open up the territory outside of Rumson and Fair Haven to gain enough participants to keep the 9 kids from Rumson on a team. The Commissioners agreed to allow the expansion to other towns to find players for the U13 Boys team.
- Chris Hawke asked about the turf project at Piping Rock and if it is proceeding as planned. A discussion continued on the outlook of the future of the project and how it will look going forward. JB Kiley asked about the future of the baseball field at Piping Rock and if the Recreation Commission will be involved when the project is presented again.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:20pm**

Chris Hawke made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by JB Kiley. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia