

Regular Meeting  
Recreation Commission  
Borough of Rumson  
June 21, 2023  
7:00 PM Bingham Hall  
Minutes

Present Were:

Commissioners Chandler, Walz, DellBeneHall and Roberto.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two amendments to the minutes were that Kelly Walz was present for the April meeting. Kerry Chandler's conversation with Dave Marks was via email not in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments by the public.

GENERAL INFORMATION FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR

Charlie Hoffmann shared an update on the transition from League Apps to Civic Rec. He noted that we are officially live on Civic Rec. All weekly E-blasts are now sent out via Civic Rec. The old system took registrations through April, so records are still viewable for the residents, however all new registrations going forward are now through Civic Rec.

The Victory Park Summer Playground program is nearing capacity of about 300 campers. We have a plethora of new staff, with only 3 returning staff member and 19 new staff members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an Executive Session period.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie Hoffmann shared an update that the Rowing season wrapped up. The numbers increased for the Spring season and the team found some success at the regatta near Atlantic City.

Commissioner Walz shared a softball update, noting the season was a success. The 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> program was strong, had three teams and ended with a round robin tournament to cap off the year. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> had some issues with practice time and some of the TRLL rules regarding pitching which will be discussed in the off-season. She was pleased with the rules updates made by TRLL overall.

Commissioner Roberto shared his thoughts on the T-Ball season highlighting that the kids and parents loved it. One change for the season was to utilize the outfield to work with kids that are supposed to be on the bench. The idea is not to keep any child idle. Also, adding a preseason orientation/practice may be a smart idea for next year in the spirit of a "softer opening" to slowly expose the kids to the sport before game one. He noted that there may be an advantage to ending the season before Memorial Day. Charlie Hoffmann also noted that the season is over, but we are hosting some all-star games.

Commissioner Chandler updated the group on Spring Lacrosse. She noted the season should end before Memorial Day in the future. The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> ended with a round robin tournament and ice cream truck event. She complimented both the refs and coaches across the board. The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade had steady numbers throughout the season as well.

Charlie Hoffmann provided an update on Summer Hoops. Coaches are set and the coaches meeting has been conducted. The schedule is set so that anyone playing twice per week plays one game after the other with no gaps. Forrestdale courts will be used for the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade boys only. The oldest divisions will be organized pick-up in which reversible jerseys will be handed out and mini tournaments will be organized each session. The goal is to simply get as much playing. We will distribute gift cards as awards for hustle, sportsmanship and MVP's to enhance the experience.

Commissioner Chandler shared an update on Memorial Day parade and ceremony. She complimented Garner Smythe for being the guest speaker and noted that the crowd was plentiful as well. Charlie Hoffmann discussed tweaking the wreath presentation a little to make sure the ceremony goes smoothly. Councilman Conklin weighed in that 1 wreath should go to each monument and not to worry about any choppiness during the wreath ceremony.

Charlie Hoffmann asked for suggestions of local bands that could play. We plan on having 2 nights of music in the summer followed by two nights of movies in September and October.

Charlie Hoffmann noted that the summer sports camps begin Monday. We have 3 sports camps starting next week. Most weeks have 2 sports camps. The life enrichment camps (marine science, acting, STEM, etc) are near full or full as well. Chess camp numbers are slightly lower than last year. Having Marine Science manage their own rosters has proven to be a tremendous help.

The fall sports registrations are open for flag football and soccer. To the group's suggestion, a lot of information was sent out including dates and times. Both sports will start on September 16<sup>th</sup>, which gives us more time to plan, get equipment and get more practice times ahead of the first games. We also included verbiage on the World Cup and Bowl games in the description. The soccer World Cup date is November 4<sup>th</sup> (tentatively) and the football is during the first 2 weeks of November depending on the HS field availability.

Fall field hockey info will be coming soon and we are working on securing as much turf time as possible. Sean Bailey and Lauren DiPietro will be the new coordinators for field hockey taking over for Kate Bavuso.

Commissioner Chandler asked about the lighting issue at Piping Rock. The transformer has not yet been fixed to repair the lights. Charlie Hoffmann noted that once the transformer is fixed, the status of the lights is still in question as they made near repair.

### COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Conklin shared a report on Borough on-goings. He shared his positive thoughts on the baseball opening day parade. He noted that several paving projects are ongoing throughout the Borough. He complimented the DPW crew and the Engineer regarding the recent sewage problem. Commissioner Walz asked about the intersection near Holy Cross (Ward and Rumson) noting that the area is scary to which Councilman Conklin said he would look into it further.

### MISC

Commissioner Chandler asked that the minutes be added to the website. Charlie Hoffmann reminded everyone that we always meet on the third Wednesday and encouraged everyone to mark their calendars to ensure we have a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

There will not be a July meeting. The August meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walz and seconded by Commissioner Roberto.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.