

Regular Meeting
Recreation Commission
Borough of Rumson

January 20, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.

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

Tom Roger, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Kevin Delia, Recreation Director, was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes from the November 18, 2015 Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written was approved by Jim Dengler and seconded by Dan Bavuso. All in favor.

SPECIAL NOTE

John Lembeck presented former Recreation Commissioner Robert J. McGinty with a plaque thanking him for his 8 years of service to the Recreation Commission.

SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

John Lembeck made a few comments about his time as the Chairman of the Recreation Commission and his desire to stay on in that capacity for approximately a year. Tom Rogers asked the Recreation Commissioner to nominate others for the role of Recreation Commission Chairman. Dan Bavuso nominated John Lembeck, seconded by Chris Hawke. Kerry Chandler nominated Jim Dengler and seconded by JB Kiley. Jim Dengler expressed his desire to not being fully devoted to being the Chairman. Kerry Chandler withdrew her nomination. No other nominations were made. All were in favor for John Lembeck.

Tom Rogers then brought up the concept of adding a Vice-Chairman Position. It would be as an alternate to the Chairman to run the meetings in the absence of the Chairman. Kerry Chandler nominated Jim Dengler and it was seconded by Dan Bavuso. All were in favor.

ADOPT NEW MEETING SEQUENCE

Recreation Commission agenda items are to be sent out a week prior to meeting with minor amendments made as needed in the week preceding the meeting. All in favor of new format for Recreation Commission meeting sequence.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Kate Bavuso proposed the creation of a youth field hockey clinic on Sundays in the fall. She will look into getting the equipment donated, much like Fair Haven has done. Possibly combine the two towns to share fields. Age groups of 2nd and 3rd grade and 4th and 5th grade. 1 hour for each group, 1 day a week. Kate suggested that Kathy McGuire could help with running the program. The plan is to have about 30 kids in each group and an 8 to 1 ratio of coaches to players. John Lembeck suggested to look at the field situation at the baseball field of the high school. Kate suggested being under the Rumson Recreation umbrella to run registrations and coaching background checks. John Lembeck suggested Kevin Delia look into the field space for the fall season and the Recreation Commission will get back to Kate about the progress at the next Recreation Commission meeting in February.
- Mike Cecil reported that the recreation basketball coaches would like to have a coach's basketball game to raise funds for the gym floor and bleachers project at Forrestdale. Kevin Delia asked for permission from the Recreation Commission to go ahead and schedule this event. Dan Bavuso voiced his concern about where the proceeds would be placed from the fundraiser. Tom Rogers said all fund raising from this event can be placed in the endowment and only be used for the Forrestdale gym floor project that is currently in progress. JB Kiley made a motion that the coaches' game be scheduled and Kerry Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Chris Hawke spoke about adding a U18 Boys team for the travel soccer program. They will play almost of their games away to not be a burden on the field schedule issue. Kerry Chandler will serve as the coach for this team that is being put together for one season with no practice sessions. Uniforms will be looked into based on the league rules.
- Kerry Chandler said that the RFH Boys Lacrosse is interested in starting a girls program. Kerry has spoken to a few parents and RFH coaches about their desire to increase the competition for the girls lacrosse players much like the boys program has done. John Lembeck said he has had conversations with Megan Douty, former RFH standout in lacrosse, about the girl's lacrosse program's direction. It was proposed that a meeting should take place to discuss RFH Boys Lacrosse intentions for creating a girls program with the involvement of Rumson Recreation.

GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR

- Tom Rogers reminded the Commission that the next meeting is February 17th and then again on March 16th.
- Tom Rogers said the letter came in explaining that town was awarded \$140,000 for the turf field at Piping Rock but the council is focused on the budget however it will be discussed soon.
- Tom Rogers presented the Rumson Recreation Trust Fund to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The members of the Recreation Commission discussed the first two sections of the Recreation Commission Policies Draft, RECREATION COMMISSION and PROGRAM POLICIES – GENERAL 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.
- Kevin Delia explained that recreation basketball was going well and very popular based on the number of participants. Kevin Delia also said that winter crew was doing well.
- Kevin Delia said that spring registration has begun and total numbers are down from last year with two weeks to go. The deadline is January 31st.
- Kevin Delia provided the members with a list and schedule of the proposed summer programs and all were approved by the Recreation Commission.
- The travel baseball coaches were in attendance to discuss the desire to be part of Rumson Recreation. John Lembeck suggested to have a person on the commission to be the point person for communications to the recreation director. Todd Herman from travel baseball told the Recreation Commission that the field and equipment needs were a concern for both travel and rec baseball. Todd mostly discussed the issues and safety concerns the pitching mounds pose on the kids' health. Todd also asked the Recreation Commission to update and provide the field safety and maintenance equipment at each baseball field. Pitching machines, batting nets and L-screens were asked to be purchased by the Recreation Commission by the coaches. The discussion then turned to the desire to be a part of Rumson Recreation because of all the administrative resources that Recreation provides to the current programs. Steve Fertjensik was not on board with being involved with Rumson Recreation because he feels he can handle the extra workload that come with being a travel baseball coach. John Lembeck said the Recreation Commission will look into the equipment needs. Rodney Shenman continued with Steve Fertjensik's thought about how much more travel baseball coaches have to put in as compared to rec baseball coaches and he doesn't feel that the Recreation Commission should have a say over what he wants to do with his team. He isn't in favor of the playing time rules that Rumson Recreation has for the travel teams. Chris Mauthe expressed his desire to start a B-Team for the U8 group. Adam Cavise spoke about the desire to play under Rumson Recreations umbrella and how to create the desire for the kids and the need for guidelines to be a part of Rumson Recreation. John Lembeck said the Recreation Commission will look into each of their concerns and we will get back to them. Tom Rogers said the field issues will be resolved and asked that they collectively get insurance. John Lembeck appointed JB Kiley as the representative of the Recreation Commission to the travel baseball coaches and JB Kiley accepted.

PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)

- Two River Little League Representative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:40pm

Kerry Chandler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Dengler. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia