

PARAMUS RECREATION COMMISSION

January 27th, 2021

Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Called To Order By: Chairman Zysman

Time: 7:07PM

1. Roll Call of Board Members:

P	Dennis Arslanian	P	Mike Pallotto
P	Michael Bellinger	P	Paula Perides
P	Vince Feorenzo	P	Bill Stallone
P	Josie Giugliano	P	Gary Zysman, Chairman
P	Jeff Lepselter	P	Holly Tedesco-Santos, Council Liason
P	Megan Schaffer, Director	A	Stephanie Garino, Asst Director
P	Ed Grill, Asst. Director	P	Dan Conte, Recreation Leader
P	Lisa Cassesa, BOE Liason		

2. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

James Corso, Paramus Athletic Club

James and Director Schaffer presented the initiative to bring football back to Paramus Recreation. The two explained that they have been working together for weeks, and have developed an outline of the program including a new football board, to pass along ideas to the Recreation Commission. The two plan to meet with the new board in the near future to continue progress of this development.

3. COUNCIL LIASON REPORT

N/A

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT

N/A

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2020 meeting. Commissioner Guigliano motioned, seconded by Commissioner Pallotto, and all present approved unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approve the current financial report, Commissioner Perides motioned, Commissioner Arslanian seconded the motion, and all in attendance approved unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Director Schaffer informed the commission that intown basketball is well underway. All games are live streamed for fans. She continued by stating that wrestling will be pushed to the middle season, and begin in March. The department is awaiting information from the league.

- B. Director Schaffer asked the board if they would consider keeping the same travel basketball rosters for winter, spring, summer, and fall seasons, unless the team lost players and needed to host a tryout to fill the roster. The commission agreed.
- C. Director Schaffer asked the commission to review the new field rentals fees for 2021. She explained that the boroughs pricing has been well below average for some time, and the gradual increases will bring the department up to date.
 - ii. Chairman Gary Zysman made a motion to approve the field rental fees for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Feorenzo, and all in attendance approved.
- D. Director Schaffer informed the commission that the Recreation Department will begin to oversee the Parks Division starting on March 1, 2021.
 - i. Four Full Time Staff, Two Seasonal to begin.
 - ii. Capital Requests for Equipment and Vehicles have been made.
 - iii. Special field maintenance accounts will be transferred from Golf to Recreation.
- E. Director Schaffer updated the commission on the very early planning of Summer Playground. She stated that because of state guidelines, the program will be much more structured, and operated in groups. She informed them that all programs will potentially take place in parks, and be fair weather only, as an outdoor program is the safer option for the time being.

8. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. Assistant Director Ed Grill stated that he, Stephanie and Dan are currently planning for spring programming and looking forward to going full strength.
- B. The Spring Brochure will be fully online and released in mid February.

Motion for Adjournment:

Chairman Zysman made a motion for adjournment. Motion accepted by Commissioner Pallotto Seconded: Commissioner Feorenzo.

All in Attendance in Favor Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM