

PARAMUS RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 24TH, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Called to Order By: Chairman Zysman

Time: 6:33PM

1. Roll Call of Board Members

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

2. FINANCE APPROVAL

A. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approval the January financial report. Commissioner Pallotto made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feorenzo, all in attendance approved the motion unanimously.

3. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approval the January meeting minutes. Commissioner Bellinger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feorenzo, all in attendance approved the motion unanimously.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

A. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos reported that the Capital Budget was introduced as the most recent Mayor and Council Meeting.

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT

A. Director Schaffer informed the Commission that Lisa Cassesa would be taking on the role of Recreation Liaison going forward the Board of Education.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. YOUTH SPORTS UPDATE - Director Schaffer deferred this update to the Assistant Director Report.

B. PROGRAM FEE LIST APPROVAL - 2021 - Director Schaffer presented an updated Program Fee List for the 2021 year. She explained that some fees slightly increased, and others remained the same. The purpose to

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sufficient.

increases, is to eventually make all programs self

- a. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approve the 2021 Program Fee List. Commissioner Bellinger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stallone. All in attendance approved the motion unanimously.

C. 2021 TACKLE & CHEER PROGRAM - Director Schaffer informed the Commission that the new Football Board had their first meeting, and there is all forward progress with the program. She stated that Intent to Coach forms are now being accepted and are due by March 31st. At that time, the Board and the Football Committee will review the intents and proceed with the coaching selection process, as well as interviews if needed.

D. PARKS DIVISION UPDATE - Director Schaffer deferred to Assistant Director of Parks Maintenance, Kyle VanHasteern. Kyle informed the Commission that once the snow clears, they will be focussing on spring cleanups, and prepping the fields for spring sports. He explained that each field will take about a day to prep, for a total of two weeks to get everything at 100%.

E. SUMMER PLAYGROUND - Director Schaffer informed the Commission that Summer Playground will be a fair weather playground only this summer. The program will take place at Petruska Park and Parkway School. Full details of onsite entertainment will be released at a later date.

F. SPRING SPECTACULAR DRIVE THROUGH - Director Schaffer happily informed the Commission that there would be a Spring Celebration this season. She explained that different from the past with COVID-19 still a risk, the event would be a drive through celebration. - March 27th, 12:00PM - 1:30PM Petruska Park, Parking Lot.

7. ASST. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. TRAVEL BASKETBALL - Asst. Director Ed Grill stated that the season has gone been extremely successful in providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all, and that we are looking forward to a great playoff season.

B. WRESTLING - Asst. Director Grill informed the Commission that the wrestling league has no plans of moving forward with competition this season. He explained that in order to keep the wrestlers interested, he and Coach Buldo are planning a wrestling conditioning program to take place beginning in March.

C. SOFTBALL- GIRLS & MENS
a. Asst. Director Grill stated that the Recreation level softball girls would be participating in the Kinderkamack League. He informed them that registration is on pace with years in the past.

b. He continued by informing the Commission that those interested in travel will take part of a tryout if necessary, and the department plans to register teams in the following travel softball levels; Grades 3&4, 12U and 14U.

c. Asst. Director Grill stated that Men's Softball will proceed as done so in past years. He informed the Commission that there will be a

managers meeting in the upcoming weeks to review last season and any changes for the upcoming year.

D. LACROSSE - Asst. Director Garino happily informed the Commission that numbers are higher than previous years for all levels of lacrosse. She explained that the program is still struggling, but will be able to compete at multiple levels, both boys and girls this season.

E. VOLLEYBALL - Asst. Director Garino informed the Commission that the department would be hosting a volleyball clinic with Coach Jenna Ottina this spring at East Brook. She stated that the department expects the same success as previous seasons.

8. RECREATION LEADER REPORT

A. INTOWN BASKETBALL - Recreation Leader, Dan Conte stated that the season has had some hiccups with inclement weather, and a few COVID-19 positive cases, but otherwise has gone very smoothly and has been a positive experience for all. He continued by stating that playoffs are set to begin in the next few weeks, and the season to be completed by mid March.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Zysman requested a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Giugliano made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pallotto, and all in attendance approved to adjourn. 7:08PM