

PARAMUS RECREATION COMMISSION

October 26th, 2021

Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Called To Order By: Chairman Zysman

Time: 7:03PM

1. Roll Call of Board Members:

A	Dennis Arslanian	P	Mike Pallotto
P	Michael Bellinger	P	Paula Perides
A	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	P	Stephanie Garino, Asst Director
P	Ed Grill, Asst. Director	P	Dan Conte, Recreation Leader
P	Lisa Cassesa, BOE Liaison		

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT

A. Lisa Cassesa stated no new news to report. She additionally stated that the PHS Girls Softball program is very grateful for the Parks Division to have been maintaining the Girls Softball field throughout the fall.

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. The commission moved into closed session at 7:14PM. Motion by Stallone, seconded by Lepselter, all in present agreed.
The commission came out of closed session at 8:04PM

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Chairman Zysman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting. Commissioner Stallone motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lepselter, and all present approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

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

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Football Update

1. Director Schaffer stated that the season is winding down. All teams will be entering the playoffs this weekend at away locations.
2. She mentioned that she planned to have an end of the season recap with the coaches and football board in early December.

B. Field Division

1. Director Schaffer informed the commission that both a 72" deck mower and Ventrac Tractor have been ordered with Capital Funding, and the department is awaiting quotes for an F150 Pick Up and F350 Dump Truck.

Coaching Requirements

1. Director Schaffer informed the commission that the Borough Administrator advised adding M.E.L. – Protecting Children from Abuse, and the NFHS Bullying Awareness webinars to the Recreation Coaching Requirements.
2. She continued by stating that the Borough Administrator confirmed that the more precautions the Recreation Department takes with volunteers, the better they protected by the insurance company.

D. 100 Year Celebration

1. Director Schaffer informed the commission that this year, the Borough will be celebrating it's 100 Year anniversary/birthday.
2. She explained that the celebration will be a number of extras added into the year's regular events including the 4th of July, the Fall Festival, etc.
3. Additionally, throughout the year, each department will be highlighted for its accomplishments and milestones.

E. 2022 Program Fee List

1. Director Schaffer introduced the new program fee list to the commission. She explained that each year, the department has been closing the gap on the financial loss that each program was taking.
2. Director Schaffer explained that the goal is to make all programs self-sufficient in the near future.

7. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Travel Basketball

1. Assistant Director Grill informed everyone the basketball committee has agreed to have both girls and boys play in the BTBL this season.
2. He continued by telling the commission that tryouts are set to begin on November 15th, and begin practices immediately after.
3. Asst. Director Grill explained to the commission that there has been interest in a Girls 2nd Grade Travel Basketball program.
 - a. He informed them that there is currently no league that hosts 2nd grade girls travel, and the boys 2nd grade numbers are very low.
 - b. Ed explained to the commission that the resolution to this, is quite possibly to host an advanced training program for this age level as a transition between Recreation level and travel.

B. Wrestling

1. Assistant Director Grill informed the commission that the department is currently awaiting the approval of facilities to get wrestling practices underway. Additionally, the quad match requests have been made and are awaiting approval as well.

C. Winter Staff

1. Assistant Director Grill stated that we are still seeking employees for the winter including Site Supervisors, Scorekeepers, and Special Needs Assistants.

D. Fall Sport Recap

1. Assistant Director Garino informed the commission that the Cross Country program was a success as always. She added that Coach Joe Mecca is always a huge help.
2. She stated that Volleyball was wrapping up with their final game, and the season was better than expected with a large group of new players.
3. Ms. Garino explained that while the in-town soccer program only had one team, they had a winning season led by Coach Mosquera, and most importantly had a good time.

8. RECREATION LEADER REPORT

A. In-Town Basketball

1. Recreation Leader, Daniel Conte updated the commission on registration numbers for the In-Town Basketball program.
2. He informed them that the department is still seeking coaches, and trying to collaborate with other townships for girls in-town.

Motion for Adjournment:

Chairman Zysman made a motion for adjournment. Motion accepted by Commissioner Lepselter, Seconded: Commissioner Bellinger.

All in Attendance in Favor Meeting Adjourned: 9:10PM