

# Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting

## February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Paul Shoyinka	Present
Don Morrell	Absent
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

Chairman Prulello called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

*Director Como announced "That all requirements of the Open Public meeting law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of The Borough of Dumont. Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers. Notices prominently posted in a space provided on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall. Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk."*

### **Open Public Participation**

**Commissioner Prulello made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

There being no public in attendance Director Como asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting

**Commissioner Devito made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Prulello. Roll call taken motion carried.**

### **Directors Report**

Director Como stated that we will be moving into the new building within the next two weeks. Unfortunately, the building is still closed to the public.

**Director Como stated that he spoke with the Borough Clerk and we could approve October and November minutes in one motion, December and January will be separate motions. Director Como stated that Commissioner Shoyinka will not be able to vote on the October November & December minutes, but can vote on the January minutes.**

**Commissioner Joyce made a motion to accept the October & November Minutes. Commissioner Prulello 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Commissioner Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes of the December Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried**

**Commissioner Godlewski made a motion to accept the minutes of the January Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Commissioner Joyce**

#### **Dumont Soccer**

For the spring season they will be having 3 travel teams. They also wanted to thank the DPW for the removal of snow at the soccer building.

### **Commissioner Lezette**

#### **Jr. Football**

Commissioner Lezette stated that Mike Gracey, the president of the football program, is stepping down. Also the remaining board except for Commissioner Lezette will also be stepping down. This is going to take a lot of work to rebuild the program. It will have to be all hands-on deck. Commissioner Lezette stated he spoke with the Director of Recreation from Bergenfield about the 2 programs joining forces this coming season. Bergenfield Recreation Director said that he will speak with his coaches and check on their numbers and get back to us. Commissioner Lezette stated he spoke with Commissioner Devito and possibly contacting Coach Burd from the high school and try to put a plan together.

Commissioner Lezette stated that he would like to try to get an idea of who would be interested in playing this fall. A suggestion was made that we could send a blast email on Community Pass and post it on the Recreation Facebook page

Commissioner Harris stated that all the schools have a PTO group that has a Facebook page that we could reach out and see if they would post a notice for us.

#### **Dumont Little league**

Commissioner Lezette stated that Dumont Little League would like to open registrations he also wanted to know if the waiver would be a onetime thing.

Director Como stated that the waiver is for the season, but they must use our wavier, and it is only good for the spring season. Summer will be considered a separate season.

## **Old Business**

### **None**

## **New Business**

**There will be a slight adjustment in tonight's agenda we will be discussing spring sports first due to the fact that the Risk Manager will be joining us at 7:15pm**

Commissioner Joyce stated that the spring sports committee met this past Friday night. A decision was made that going forward we would be following the NJ Department Health Guidance for Sports Activities. This covers all guidelines that we will need to follow and they regularly provide updates. This way we will not have to try and reinvent the wheel. One of the concerns we had was how are the coaches going to keep track of the forms. One thing we are doing is creating a google form that would be uploaded, once the form is completed it will be sent to the Recreation office where it will be kept on file. The only issue we are still waiting on is whether we will be able to provide bathroom facilities, we're not sure if we are going to be allowed to have bathroom facilities.

Director Como stated that we will be purchasing thermometers, wipes, hand sanitizer for the recreation programs. Director Cuomo also reports that we will be purchasing signage for the recreation fields too.

**Commissioner Devito Made a motion, to accept spring sports based on the recommendation of the springs sports committee to use the guidelines of the January 12<sup>th</sup> NJ Department of Health's "Guidance for Sports Activities ". 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

Commissioner Joyce reviewed with the risk manager the process we will be following for spring sports. Domenic had one question concerning HIPPA Compliance with our Google form.

Director Como stated that he had been in contact with the Borough Attorney Leibman in reviewing the form, he felt that there should be no problem he will look into further and let me know. The other suggestion that Domenic made was that the Google form should go to one person, just in case someone dose test positive the information is kept confidential.

Director Como stated that he will be the contact person and all forms will be forwarded to his office.

Director Como stated that he has received 2 quotes for the shed for Girls' Softball for Twin Boro Field. The junior girls division will be playing there this coming season. Director Como stated he tried to get a third quote but the company never responded to his email.

Chairman Prulello asked if there are any questions pertaining to the shed quotes

Chairman Prulello asked for a motion to accept the lowest quote.

**Commissioner Godlewski Made a motion to accept the lowest price to purchase the shed for Twin Boro. Commissioner Devito 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Roll call taken motion carried.**

Director Como stated that he has the permit information for Twin Boro Field for the spring

Chairmen Prulello stated that the Men's League would have the field Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 7:00pm till 10:30pm if the light curfew gets extended.

Girls' softball will have the field Friday & Monday till 10:00pm Saturday & Sunday from 10:00am till 10:00pm.

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**Commissioner Prulello made a motion to accept the Twin Boro permit schedule as presented.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

### **Water at Columbia and Bedford Fields**

Chairman Prulello stated that he had a plumber go to Bedford to give us a price for the replacement of a shut off valve at the street and a hose connection at the field.

Columbia Park the plumber stated that it would be too expensive to heat the back room because it is all open. His suggested was to remove the meter by a plumber and store it for the winter and we could have a plumber reinstall it in the spring. He felt that this would not be a problem with the water company. We are waiting for the plumber to get back to us with a cost and to hear what the water company said.

Commissioner Devito ask what was the purpose of doing this - was it to have water there for sprinklers or for the bathrooms

Chairmen Prulello stated the water for Bedford was to be able to water the field.

**Director Como stated that he would like to open up the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Director Como stated that the only Commissioners eligible to run are Commissioners, Godlewski, Devito and Morrell. Per the current By Laws, you must be a member of the commission for two years.**

**Commissioner Prulello Nominated Commissioner Godlewski for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Godlewski has accepted the nomination**

**The Nomination was 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Devito**

**At this time Director Como closed the floor for nomination they will be reopen next month.**

**Commissioner Devito would like to find out if we could up load the recording of the meetings on the Borough web site so that the minutes could be less cumbersome and more like bullet points**

**Director Como said that he would look into it.**

### **Councilman Gorman**

#### **By-Laws update**

**They are currently in attorney review. The attorney has requested additional documents which the Director has provided. Councilman Gorman thanked the commission for their patience in this process.**

**Commissioner Devito asked if there were any question that the committee could answer.**

**Councilman Gorman said that he would check with the attorney.**

### **Middle School Baseball & Softball**

Commissioner Joyce asked if there was any information concerning Middle School Softball, & Baseball.

Chairman Prulello stated that he just received a text message concerning this season. We could have a discussion to see if it is possible.

Commissioner Joyce stated that with the regulations with covid - transportation to and from games is going to be a problem.

Commissioner Joyce explained to the Commission that last season we were fortunate to have use of the Borough's senior bus since the Board of Education was unable to help us provide transportation to and from

games. However, this year the bus is being utilized for food delivery and the seating requirements for COVID limit the number of seats drastically. Commissioner Joyce will reach out to Mike Boyce from Girls Softball regarding Middle School Softball.

**Commissioner Prulello made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Godlewski Roll call taken motion carried Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm**

Submitted by



Tony Como

Recreation Director