

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting April 7, 2021

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

Director Como called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

*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"*

Donald Norbert RVE Engineering Firm

Will be reviewing the plans for the New Gina's Field

Commissioner Joyce asked what is the dimensions of the proposed field.

Norbert said that it could accommodate 10u soccer and flag football

Commissioner Devito asked what are the dimension's needed for flag football

Commission Harris stated 70 x 30 Yards

Commissioner Devito asked what are the dimensions at Bedford Field are they 70ydrds

Commissioner Harris stated it was 70 x 30 yards

Commissioner Harris stated that they would need 84 yards to have a correct size playing field

The Engineer stated that we have the ability to get the yardage by shifting the playground, the splash park and the bathrooms.

Commissioner Morrell asked Commissioner Joyce how many kids play 10u soccer.

Commissioner Joyce stated not at the present time but he is anticipating an increase in the future.

The engineer stated that the width of the field is limited due to the new parking area.

Commissioner Diore asked that all members & public mute their phones to much back-ground noise.

Commissioner Harris asked how much parking are we gaining opposed to parking on the street.

The engineer stated that the proposed plan has 14 spaces, probably losing 4 to 5 spaces on the street so you have net gain of 9 spaces.

Commissioner Harris stated that if we eliminated the parking we would pick up more space for the field.

Commissioner Prulello Stated he has a question for Councilman Gorman, Prulello stated could you discuss the parking issue with the Mayor and Council.

Council Gorman Stated the he is taking notes but he wanted to be sure that all of the Commissioner have a chance to ask the engineer all questions that they may have.

Commissioner Morrell aske the Councilman what is the estimated cost of this whole project?

The Engineer stated that the total cost of the project is \$1.2 Million the cost to the Borough is \$450,000.00

The rest of the money is coming from Green Acres and Bergen County open space Grants

Commissioner Dior asked what dose that equate to for each tax payer.

Commissioner Prulello stated that that would be a question for the Mayor Council.

Commissioner Morrell asked do we have the money to match that \$450,000.00 Grant
Councilman Gorman stated that all budget questions should be brought to the Mayor Council.
The Engineer stated that the next meeting for the project is on April 13th 2021.
Commissioner Shoyinka Stated that if we could allocate enough space for 12u soccer to play there that would be a great thing.
Commissioner Morrell stated that if we are going to build it we should built it right so as many kids as possible could play there
Commissioner Devito stated that backing on what Paul said about the u12 requirement. Devito stated that if we removed the 14 parking spaces would there be enough room for 45 x 70-yard field.
The Engineer stated that he would have to lay out to see if it could fit.
Commissioner Joyce stated that the minimum length would have to be 70yds the minimum width needs to be 45yds.
Director Como thank the Engineer for Joining us this evening.

Open Public Participation

Commissioner Morell made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken motion carried

Brody Davis

Eagle scout project

He would like to do some work at the Columbia Jr Field. The scope of the project to scrap and paint the dugouts, have a professional roofer donate his time to repair the dugout roofs.
Chairmen Prullelo thanked him for his time the Commission will discuss it, and Director Como will get in touch with you.

Maryann Russini

She asked if the Commission is going to vote on the Gina's Field plan tonight.
Chairman Prullelo stated not at this time
How much dose the Recreation Commission have put aside for the renovation of Gina's Field
Director Como stated that all the grant monies are with the Borough
Maryann stated that it sounds like from all the discussion there will be no softball at Gina's Field.
She would like to know what is the plan for Girls' Softball.
Chairman Prullelo stated that they will play at Twin Boro there will be a new field constructed at Twin Boro
Will the field at Twin Boro be completed before the Gina's field goes under construction?
Chairman Prullelo stated the both projects will be done at the same time
Commission Morrell Stated that he believes that Gina's Field project will not start until after the 2021 softball season.
Maryann asked will the field be big enough so that the girls could play on one field while the men play on the other. Will there be a fence between the 2 fields?
Maryann asked who has permits for what fields?
Director Como stated the Girls have Columbia from 6pm till dark. Jr, Field All the time, Twin Boro Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 3pm till 10pm. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3pm to 6:30pm
Maryanne stated that from her experience Monday night might be an issue with CCD
Commission Morrell stated that he will get in touch with Mike Boyce and find out about CCD.If there is an. issue it will be discussed with Men's softball about switching a night.

Karen Valido

She asked, that she thought the project was a softball field project when did it change and why?
Chairman Prullelo through a process of several meetings in discussing the project. The committee felt that the direction the engineer wanted to go was not in conjunction of how the rec Committee wanted. The Borough had to make a decision and a new plan needed to presented or there was a chance that we could lose the grant money
She asked how much weight dose the Recreation Commission have in this project when voting
Councilman Gorman stated that the committee was at a stand still because of the flooding issues at the field. If the new plan was not developed we could have lost out on the grant money.
Commission Morell stated that we answer to the state but we work hand in hand with the Mayor and Council.

Terri Riva

She believes that walking path is not needed we have a walking path at Memorial and the streets in Dumont are safe to walk on. The field should be big enough so that 12u soccer could play there, also the softball field should not have been taken off the table

John Sansone

John stated that has anyone brought up the point that you can not play a girl's game and a men's game at the same time.

The girls will still have the field part-time

Lynn Vietre

Lynn stated that where is the money coming from to do the Twin Boro Project
Chairman Prulello stated that the Mayor and Council are working on the Funds.

Michael Dratch

He asked will we be having summer Recreation program for the kids this year

Director Como stated that we are in the middle of discussion of how we are going to do it. We hope to have some kind of a program this year.

Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the meeting to the public. 2nd by Commissioner Prulello. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como asked for a motion to approve the February & march Minutes.

Commissioner Joyce Made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Eugene.

February Minutes

6 yes and 1 abstention.

March Minutes

Roll taken Motion Carried.

Directors Report

No Report

Program Reports**Commissioner Devito****Men's Softball**

Men's softball had a meeting on March 25th to discuss this season schedule and go over protocols and their up coming draft. They have 83 players registered, they will be playing a 15-game schedule. They were also told that if they needed more time they will be working with Commissioners Devito & Morrell. In speaking with Tom Mertz, he felt given the amount of time that they have should be enough. Season will open April 13th & end around July 30th.

Commissioner Shoyinka

Spoke with Kerry Graham track will be having a shorten season this year because of covid restrictions.

Practices will begin on April 13th.

Commissioner Joyce**Soccer**

Spring soccer clinic will be starting up, it will be a Sunday program run by soccer coaches.

Registration open on March 25th thru April 18th if you registrar before the 18th the cost will be \$50.00 after it will be \$60.00. Each clinic will be 45 minutes 3 groups each session.

Middle School Softball

There will be a limited season due to covid. The season will be starting within the next couple of weeks. Mike Boyce will be coaching the team.

Coaches Certification

Commissioner Joyce asked all Liaisons to check with their program to see what kind of numbers we would have for the class. As of now no one has gotten back to him. Mike Boyce from girls' softball asked when the course would be. Commissioner Joyce & Director Como need to set a date and we need to have an unlimited zoom account.

Commissioner Harris Girls' Softball

Commissioner Harris stated that the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade division are still looking for coaches. Have not sent out rosters yet due to the lack of coaches. Please contact Mike Davis or Mike Boyce if anyone knows of a possible coach.

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

Director Como spoke about the summer tennis program. He is requesting Mondays and Saturdays. His registration averages about 60 people. We do receive 15% of the registration as our court usages fee. In 2019 for the 3 seasons we received around \$1,500.00.

Commissioner Prulello made a motion to accept the tennis program as presented. 2nd by Commissioner Morell. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como stated that he received the field permit for the high school it is the same as last year.

Commissioner Devito made a motion to accept the field request from the high school as presented. 2nd by Commissioner Morell. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como stated that he sent the Commissioners quotes for the batting cage carpets. There were 3 quotes one was \$1,600.00 \$1,900.00 & \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Prulello asked Director Como which quote would you go with

Director Como stated that according to Borough Purchasing procedures and the quality being equal the lowest bidder should get the purchase.

Commission Devito asked that this is for the senior ball field, the high school also uses it as well is there a possibility that high school will help out with the cost.

Director Como Stated that he has approach them several times about helping out. The answer I get is that we have purchased new goal post and we do not charge you for the custodians during basketball season.

Commissioner Morell asked that if this is a good product and will we get our money's worth.

Director Como stated that when he did the research they are all good carpets the difference was that the lowest bidder had the thicker carpet.

Commissioner Prulello made a motion to purchase the double play carpet for the batting cage at the senior ball field at a cost of \$1,610.80. 2nd by Commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion Carried.

At this time Commissioner Morrell had to leave he meeting due to a work obligation.

Director Como stated that Little League would like permission to host the districts and sections this summer.

Commissioner prulello made a motion to allow little League to host the Districts and Sections this summer with the approval of the Borough Risk manager. 2nd by Commissioner Devito. Roll call taken motion carried.

Commissioner Prulello spoke about a memorial that Dumont Little League would like to do in memory of Marybeth Papetti. Cesare's wife who past away from the Covid Virus.

The memorial will go on the south west corner of the food hut.

Commissioner Prulello made a motion to allow Little league to proceed with building of the memorial garden in memory of Marybeth. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como stated the last Item under new business are the quotes for the repair of sugar and spice field.

Commission Harris stated that the committee of Commissioners Harris, Godlewski, lezette. Were the committee assign to work on the Sugar & Spice Project.

The Recommendation of the committee is to award the quote to Field Pro.

Commissioner Harris made a motion to use Field Pro to perform the work at the sugar & spice Field. 2nd By Commissioner Godlewski. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como asked Councilman Gorman if he would like to speak about the by-laws.

Councilman Gorman stated that Molly has the Changes a meeting will be schedule in the near future to review those changes.

Recently a meeting was held with the high school varsity basketball coach with the commissions summer basketball committee. Coach Mortarol would like to run a high school basket ball tournament this summer at Memorial Park. Tentively the last 2 weeks of July. Kenny was told that he would have to meet all the covid requirements and we will keep him informed of what they will be.

Commission Joyce that since we have stipulations for little and senior ball any other event should carry the same Stipulations.

Commissioner Pruello made a motion to approve the high school Basketball Tournament with the approval of the Borough Risk Manager to be played the last 2 weeks of July. 2nd by Commissioner Godlewski. Roll call taken motion carried.


Commissioner Prulello Made a motion to approve the eagle scout project Troop 1345. To repair the dugouts at the sugar and spice field Base on the plans being submitted to the recreation office. Roll call taken motion carried.

Commissioner Devito stated the he and Commissioner lezette are trying to set a meeting with Coach Burd to discuss the Jr. Football Program

Commissioner Prulello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried at 8:42pm

Submitted by

Tony Como


Recreation Director