

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting May 4th 2022

Bill Hanley	Absent
Paul Shoyinka	Present
Jennifer Grom	Absent
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Euros Rivas	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Joe Algieri (alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	Present

Chairman Rivas 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"*

Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

A motion was made by commissioner Shoyinka to approve the minutes. 2ⁿ by commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried

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

Seeing that there was no public in attendance Chairman Rivas asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Diore made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.

Directors Report



Director Como stated that it is time to review the senior athletic awards that are sponsored by recreation. Director Como reviewed the awards with the commission for approval.

Director Como Stated that with the price of the awards we are allowed to attend the dinner June 6th at the Old Tappan Manor 6:30pm.

Commissioner Joyce made a motion to approve the senior awards. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como stated that he received a call from the high school bowling coach Marc Ferrara he would like the commission to sponsor a summer bowling program for 6th, 7th, 8th, graders. There will be no charge to kids they will pay the alleys directly, Marc is looking for a place for registration and insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Joyce to approve the middle school bowling program. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Como stated that he met with 2 young Ladies that would like to bring back the volleyball program. Director Como provide them with the parameters that they should follow and to make a presentation to the commission at the June Meeting.

Director Como Stated that the play ground equipment at memorial Park has begun to be dismantled. The new equipment is due to be delivered within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Camp registration is open within the first 2 weeks we have 328 kids registered.

Director would like to thank Brian Harris and the team from girls' softball. They have not refused an application even this far into the season.

Director Como stated that at the end of this season I will be stepping down as senior baseball coordinator. I had a great 32 years of coaching baseball.

Program Reports

Commissioner Diore
Competition Cheering
No Report

Football Cheering

See attached

Commissioner Devito**Boys' Basketball Travel & Recreation**

See attached

Jr Football & Football Cheering

See attached

Commissioner Joyce

See Attached

Commissioner Shoyinka**Girls' Basketball****Recreation**

No report

Commissioner Shoyinka asked about summer basketball
Director Como Stated that we will have a summer League.

Travel

Spring Travel is under way

Commissioner Hanley**Soccer**

No report provided

Wrestling

No report provided

Commissioner Rivas

Men's Softball

Season going well

They would like to start a fall league. They will be at the June meeting to present their proposal.

Roller Hockey

No Report

Commissioner Algieri

Baseball

Little League Baseball

- Opening day Parade from Dumont High School to Memorial field had over 300+ softball/baseball players and coaches with a police/fire escort.
- Speeches for the Hemmer and Vasquez families was followed by a presentation of plaques which will be put on the 1st base dugout.
- A plaque was made for the bench near the Snack Stand, as well as some landscaping, to honor Marybeth Papetti, who passed during covid. She is was the wife of Cesar Papetti, who was a vital part to Dumont Little league in the past.
- Danielle McCartan, a WFAN host, as well as Dumont, NJ past softball/little league player, spoke to the players. She ended her speak with a good luck message from NY Yankee outfielder, Aaron Judge.
- The season has been successful.
- Spring Travel try-outs were on Tuesday, May ^{3rd}.
 - o Between the 3 levels (8U,9U,10U) there was over 70 kids that tried out.
- Little League is going to walk in the Memorial Day parade (details to follow)

Questions/comments/concerns

- The little league would like to thank the town for fixing the water on the major and minor field.
- On the farm field the water is still not working, and they were told that there was a wait on parts to repairs (just following up to see if anything was mentioned)
- A sink hole on the farm field keeps appearing near the 1st base dugout. Wanted to see if we could have someone come and take a look at it.

Middle School Baseball

- No Middle School Baseball this year because of no coach

Senior Baseball

- 2 Teams and their season is going well.

Commissioner Grom

Girls' Softball

No report provided

Commissioner Lezette

Track

No report at this time

Old Business

No Business

New Business

Commissioner Joyce thanked Brian Harris for volunteering to repair the patio bricks at Memorial Park after the sprinkler repair.

**Commissioner Lezette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by
Commissioner Joyce. Roll call taken motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourn at 8:07pm

Respectively Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Como", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Como
Director of Recreation

Dumont Recreation
May 4, 2022
Commissioner's Report

Lawn Care:

- Field Pro has been selected to handle the Athletic Field Maintenance for 2022.
- They were the lowest bid.
- A meeting was held with Nat Nuovo from Field Pro, Recreation Director Mr. Como, DPW Superintendent Anthony Schiraldi, DPW Foreman Brian Battaglia, Dumont Girls Softball Program Coordinator Brian Harris and myself to review and agree that in order for our fields to look great mowing, watering, chemical applications and field prepping must all pull from the same side.
- 1st application of crabgrass preventer was applied with fertilizer on Twin Boro, Columbia and Memorial Park south of the main path.
- Twin Boro Complex had a sprinkler issue that has since been repaired by Gargiulo Sprinklers.
- Columbia Field has sprinkler issues that are being addressed by Gargiulo Sprinklers this week. Specifically – missing sprinkler heads and zone 5 is not turning on. 5.3.22

Mayor and Council Meeting:

- Attended the meeting on 4/26 where town engineer spoke about Phase 2 upgrades at Memorial Park – playground equipment and a water feature to replace volleyball sandpit area. Volleyball concerns were addressed by looking into nets at the tennis courts that convert between tennis and volleyball.

Summer Recreation:

- Summer Recreation registration is now open and closes on 6/10.
- Summer Recreation is from 6/27 to 8/5 Mondays thru Fridays 8:30am to 1:30pm
- Counselor and CIT applications are being returned to recreation Director Mr. Como.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian Joyce

Jr Football & Cheer Report for May 2022

Overview:

The Jr Football Program Coordinator Candice Zayas and I have been working together to plan for the upcoming season. The following is the report of what has been going on over the last month

- Our 7on7 Skills and Fundamentals program began 4/25
- The program runs for 5 weeks every Monday from 6:30-8:00pm @DHS
- High School Football player and some Jr. Football coaches are assisting in running the program
- Our 7on7 Skills and Fundamentals program has opened registration this week
- We just put in requisitions for field usage for workouts in June -July 8:30 12:30 using the Football field @ DHS and Bedford as well.
- We also put in a requisition for field usage for field usage at DHS for the following:
 - August for pre-season camp weekdays from practices during the pre-season 5:30 - 8:30pm
 - September through November weekdays at DHS the back field from 4-6pm and the football field from 6-8:30pm for practices
 - September through November Saturday games for 5 dates TBD and time TBD
 - We will be working with the DHS Athletic Director Joe Sutera to coordinate these dates.
 - Mr. Sutera has been very accommodating with all our requests
- Our next step is to meet with the Football Cheer Coordinator and Liaison to discuss parent committees sometime next week.

Boys Travel & Rec Basketball Report for May2022

Overview: Boy's Travel

I have been in contact with Ed Angeles and Rocco Giangregorio in regards to the current state of Travel and Rec Basketball. The following is the report:

- The travel program finished their season
- Tony has been made aware of the following but needs to be resolved:
 - Final payment for uniforms
 - Final rosters and any balances for participants of the travel season
 - Travel Program updated financials

Overview: Boy's Rec

- The recreation levell program finished their season
- Tony has been made aware of the following but needs to be resolved:
 - Unpaid referee checks (parents calling on behalf of the High School kids who were refereeing).
 - Final rosters and any balances for participants of the travel season
 - Boys Rec Program updated financials

DUMONT RECREATION COMMISSION: *Committee Report*

04 MAY 2022 / 7:00 PM

ACTION ITEMS FOR PREVIOUS MEETING

Football Cheer:

1. Registration for Football cheer was opened.
2. Emails were sent out by Tony targeting children/families who participated in the recent past.

Competition Cheer:

1. Nothing to report.

MEETINGS AND/OR ACTIONS TAKEN THIS MONTH

Cheer registration has been far less than expected.

- Sherry Godlewski will work on a flyer to be distributed to the schools and on Facebook to help promote the program.
- When the flyer is composed Recreation will do a Social Media campaign.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FOR BOARD ASSISTANCE

- When the Leaders associated with the joint Dumont Football/Cheer program start to see parent involvement we need help promoting the program. We need to generate excitement for the upcoming Season. Sometimes word-of-mouth is much stronger than Email & Social Media posts.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Commission will work with Mrs. Godlewski on promoting the cheer signups. Historically Dumont Football Cheer always had a high census of participants, and the current amount of children registered is much lower than expected.

SUBMITTED BY: Recreation Commissioner Joan Diore

Liaison to Football Cheer and Competition Cheer