

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2023

The January meeting was held in person at borough hall and was also available via teleconference. The regular meeting of the Ramsey Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at borough hall were Mr. Jachts, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Oliver, and Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners, Council Liaison Gutwetter, and Recreation Director Tyburczy. Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Siraki were absent.

The Election of Officers was held, with the following results: Mr. Winterhalter nominated Mrs. Oliver as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kemp. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Mrs. Oliver nominated Mr. Jachts as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Winterhalter. There were no further nominations. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bennett Lee, a student at Suffern High School, was present to observe the meeting as a class assignment. Jeff Dempsey is the track and field coach in Suffern; he will be contacted closer to Ramsey Run.

MINUTES

Mrs. Oliver moved that the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and passed.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

Mr. Tyburczy was introduced as the new Recreation Director.

The by-laws should be in the possession of the governing body for approval. Once they are approved, the agenda included will be used for the monthly meetings.

Upcoming dates for 2023 events include Saturday, April 1st (Spring Egg Hunt), Saturday, June 17th (Home Run Derby), Saturday, September 30th (45th Ramsey Run), and Saturday, October 28th (Halloween Parade and Costume Contest). The egg hunt was held at Finch Park in 2022. Once again, the seniors will put the candy in the plastic eggs. They have asked for plastic eggs which close better. Mrs. Dey will request the candy from Shop-Rite. Collaboration with the Fire Department was suggested since they have a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny activity. Mrs. Dey will check with Kerry Conklin. There may also be collaboration with Halloween events.

The men's and women's softball leagues will begin in April. Registration details, including fees for 2023, need to be finalized.

Finch Park Summer Camp will be held starting on Monday, June 26th, to Friday, July 28th, with no camp on Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th. Mike Kelly will be returning as Camp Director.

Although the stated recreation policy does not allow for refunds, if a refund is deemed necessary, a to-be-determined administrative fee will be subtracted from the refund. Fees for late registrations were also discussed.

Boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling are all underway. The girls' numbers are very light and the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are playing against other towns.

Councilman Gutwetter reported that the borough's reorganization on Wednesday, January 3rd, went well with Mr. Popolo taking Mr. Weber's place as councilman. Peter Kilman is the council president.

Mr. Jachts noted that there are sinkholes in the North Central Avenue soccer field.

In 2024, the meetings on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day will be rescheduled, perhaps in early February between the two holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Winterhalter, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and passed.