

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ramsey Recreation Commission was called to order by Mrs. Dey at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Popolo, Mr. Siraki, Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners, and Council Liaison Gutwetter. Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Mannion and Recreation Director Patterson were absent.

Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Mannion, and Mr. Siraki need to be sworn in.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Popolo moved that the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Winterhalter, and passed. The December meeting had been cancelled.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

There should be a quorum for the February meeting which is scheduled for Presidents' Day.

Cristian Maiullo, the manager of Ramsey's Mathnasium, was present to observe the meeting. He is looking for opportunities for community outreach.

Mr. Patterson had forwarded information to Mrs. Dey which needed to be discussed. She distributed the tentative list of recreation activities for 2020. The date for the Easter Egg Hunt conflicts with spring break, April 4th to 11th. Opening Day for the RBSA is Saturday, April 18th. The Movie in the Park will be scheduled for Friday, June 19th, with a possible baseball movie such as "The Sandlot." Mrs. Oliver suggested that the Halloween Parade/Costume Contest be scheduled for Halloween, October 31st rather than October 24th. Regarding the egg hunt, Home Run Derby, Ramsey Run, and the Halloween Parade/Costume Contest, if a Commissioner cannot attend, he or she should find someone to cover for them.

Mrs. Dey reported on the upcoming 50th Home Run Derby, scheduled for Saturday, June 20th. She has contacted both Shawn Kirk from the RBSA who had some suggestions for the derby and Borough Administrator Vozeh who does the scheduling for

the RBSA and who may be able to schedule the championship games on the prior Saturday, June 13th. Mrs. Dey also has been in touch with Paul Bradley from Home Run Derby. He may be able to generate a list of the winners going back to the 1970s. The main objective is to increase the number of participants.

Mrs. Fitzgerald did not attend the meeting, so it is not known if there is a replacement to coordinate the volleyball clinic in the spring.

The Monday, July 6th starting date for summer camp was discussed. The maximum number of campers will remain at four hundred, from kindergarten through grade five. Mrs. Oliver suggested sending out reminder e-mails about the elimination of sixth graders from camp.

Regarding the Rockland Boulders game, Mrs. Oliver suggested working with another group, such as the RBSA, to schedule that activity.

The Ramsey Run was scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, a week later than usual, so that it will not be held on the same weekend as the firemen's convention.

Mr. Patterson is looking into the numbers for Adult Soccer and Men's Over 50 Softball before those activities are offered in 2020.

The basketball program is four weeks into the season with no issues. Mr. Popolo noted that everything is going well with the Challenger Basketball program, especially with the assistance of Mike Simmel. There have been as many as fifty participants. Mr. Kemp reported that the fourth-grade boys' program is also going well.

Wrestling has thirty-five participants. Mrs. Oliver noted that the middle school team has thirty wrestlers; she has been in contact with Coach Romeo at Smith School to discuss working together. Twelve recreation wrestlers recently participated in the Emerson/Park Ridge Tuminelli tournament; eight of them placed and the other four came in fourth.

Councilman Gutwetter, replacing Councilman Verdone as liaison, reported that the community center should be available for use in the spring. The senior center portion of the project is currently underway.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon motion by Mrs. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Siraki, and passed.

