

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2019

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

The Election of Officers was held, with the following results: Mrs. Oliver nominated Mr. Popolo as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Blasius. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Mr. Popolo nominated Mrs. Oliver as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Winterhalter. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Mr. Popolo and Mr. Winterhalter need to be sworn in.

MINUTES

Mrs. Oliver moved that the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Popolo, and passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chris Azouri, 83 Momar Drive, a high school student, was present to discuss a 3v3 basketball tournament that he would like to run as a fundraiser for Save the Children. He shared his ideas, including the age groups for both boys and girls, college students, and adults, a date of Saturday, May 18th, possibly using both a Saturday and Sunday, a cost of ten dollars per person/thirty dollars per team, t-shirts for all participants, utilization of four courts at Finch Park, single game elimination, including a DJ, food trucks, bounce houses. If successful, this could be an annual event. He has volunteers who would help him. Advertising would be a key component. The Commissioners noted that mid-June would be better for Finch Park utilization. Combining it with Movie Night at Finch was suggested. At least initially, one day rather than two would be better. Any overflow could be scheduled at other borough basketball courts. The numbers could also be capped per division. A time frame for play could be established. Rather than having food trucks, the refreshment stand could be opened. Upon motion by Mrs. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Mannion, the Recreation Commission is unanimously in favor of a 3v3 basketball tournament as a fundraiser as presented by Chris Azouri.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

Recreation registrations will be done via CapturePoint beginning in 2019.

Mr. Popolo reported that the Challenger Basketball program is underway. On Saturday, March 9th, Mighty Mike will present his “Bounce Out the Stigma” program. Mr. Patterson shared the dates for the track program.

Councilman Verdone noted that the seniors are very pleased about the pickleball courts across from the pool. However, there are cracks and the courts need to be resurfaced. That work could be a capital project.

Mr. Siraki was welcomed to the Commission. He offered his assistance with the wrestling program.

Mrs. Oliver provided the latest information about the wrestling program. Forty-eight Ramsey wrestlers went to the Park Ridge match. Eighteen wrestlers participated in the tournament at Dumont; there were ten medalists, five gold, two silver, and three bronze.

Mr. Patterson distributed the list of recreation activities for 2019. In 2018, the Easter egg hunt was held at Finch Park.

The basketball program is going well. The boys’ numbers are great. The girls’ numbers are weak. The seventh and eighth graders are participating against Oakland Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. upon motion by Mrs. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Mannion, and passed.

