

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2022

The February meeting was held in person at borough hall and also via teleconference. The regular meeting of the Ramsey Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Oliver at 7:30 p.m. Present via teleconference were Mrs. Oliver and Council Liaison Gutwetter. Present at borough hall was Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioner. Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jachts, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Siraki, and Recreation Director Popolo were absent.

MINUTES

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

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

The Spring Egg Hunt was discussed. Since Saturday, April 9th is Opening Day for baseball and softball and Saturday, April 16th is Spring Break, Saturday, April 2nd was selected as the date for the hunt at Finch Park, beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. Dey will request the candy from Shop-Rite. She has already asked the seniors for their assistance with putting the candy in the plastic eggs. The bunny costume needs to be located.

Ramsey's 50th Home Run Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022. Mrs. Dey has been in contact with Paul Bradley from the Phillies. The six overall winners will be recognized prior to the 2022 contest. Rather than have a cake, baseball and softball cookies will be available. A letter will be sent to the RBSA, detailing the plans so far.

Whenever a refund is issued, there is a cost to the borough. Denise Bartalotta, CFO, had requested that the cost be charged to the person who is getting the refund. She suggested a sliding scale, such as five dollars for charges up to \$75, ten dollars for charges from \$76 to \$150, and fifteen dollars over \$150. The charges will be further discussed at the March meeting. It is imperative that the residents be alerted as to the policy.

Several months ago, Mrs. Oliver had sent everyone the by-laws draft via Google Docs for revisions. One section is in need of a re-write before they can be forwarded to Borough Attorney Scandariato for his input. Mrs. Dey will come up with some ideas for that section.

At the November meeting, there had been a discussion about field conditions/drainage and improvements, including a possible turf field at MacFarran. Funding for such projects would include fundraising, grants, and donations. The various

sports organizations would be involved. A meeting was held in December with members of soccer, Hotspurs, football, and lacrosse. Another meeting was held recently including representatives from baseball/softball. A meeting will be set up with Borough Administrator Vozech.

Mrs. Oliver noted that one fourth grader placed third at a wrestling tournament which took place recently. Someone is needed to run the wrestling program next year; this will be Brian Reid's last year. The end-of-the-season parent meeting must be scheduled shortly so that the future of the wrestling program can be discussed.

Councilman Gutwetter initiated a discussion about the hockey program. He noted that there is upwards of twenty families interested in hockey.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Winterhalter, seconded by Mrs. Oliver, and passed.