

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2023

The August meeting was held in person at borough hall; there is no more telephone option. The regular meeting of the Ramsey Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Oliver. Also present were Mr. Bach, Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jachts, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Kemp, and Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners, Council Liaison Gutwetter, and Mr. Tyburczy, Recreation Director. Mr. Nunziata was absent.

MINUTES

Mr. Jachts moved that the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, and passed. The July meeting had been cancelled.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

The by-laws still need to be voted on by the Commissioners.

Another successful Finch Park Summer Camp finished on Friday, July 28th, with few issues. There were 275 campers.

The women's softball league finished up; the men's softball league championship game is upcoming. Mr. Blasius' adult softball team won the championship yet again.

Mr. Tyburczy would like to include some small informational write-ups, such as one about Home Run Derby, like the one about Jack McKeown which is on the website. Regarding Home Run Derby, there are several Ramsey participants who have done well at regionals and who will advance to the championships.

Mr. Tyburczy shared information about the storage clean-up at McFarran. There is a dumpster on-site.

Someone is still needed to coach the wrestling program. A parent who will help with the program is also needed. Mr. Tyburczy has reached out to the middle school and high school coaches.

The 45th Ramsey Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th. The fees remain the same as 2022, \$25 pre-race, \$30 day of race, and \$35 if someone runs both races. Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Kemp indicated that they will be in attendance. As usual, the timing will be done by Compuscore. DJ Rob will again be providing the music. Mrs. Dey updated the 2022 sponsors letter, with a payment deadline of the August Recreation Commission meeting date. Mrs. Oliver will check

with John Brady; Mr. Blasius will check with B&G Bagels. DB Heating & Cooling and Michael W. Gutwetter, CPA, were added to the sponsor list at the meeting. Shop-Rite will provide their usual donations. Mr. Jarvis will pick up Friday night and Saturday morning. The yellow banners will be updated with the 2023 date. Mrs. Oliver will secure the small signs from Traffic Safety which will be put around the borough. Mrs. Dey contacted Jackie Gerscht who works with the scouts in the borough. She expects to be able to cover the water stops; much better coverage is needed this year. The directional arrows must be correctly positioned.

The Halloween activities will have a Recreation Commission/Fire Department collaboration as the Spring Egg Hunt did. Rather than have the costume contest in the high school, Mrs. Dey will check with Kerry Conklin to see if the contest can be held at the firehouse, 25 South Island Avenue.

The borough website is being kept current. Mr. Tyburczy provided an update regarding the future utilization of CivicRec. It is expected to first be used for basketball and wrestling registrations. Policies are being updated. The fall field schedule is set; there is a meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested that the March to May volleyball clinic be run again on Friday afternoons.

She also initiated a discussion about the issues with the pickleball courts at Finch Park. Since it needs to be made clear that there are no reservations, Mrs. Dey will send out an e-mail blast indicating that.

Councilman Gutwetter reminded the Commissioners about Ramsey Day on Saturday, September 9th and the 9/11 observance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Winterhalter, and passed.