

# **RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2022**

The March 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 Recreation Director Popolo at 7:30 p.m. Present via teleconference were Mr. Kemp, Commissioner, and Council Liaison Gutwetter. Present at borough hall were Mr. Blasius, Mr. Jachts, and Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Oliver, and Mr. Siraki were absent.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Winterhalter moved that the minutes of the February 21, 2022 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and passed.

### **ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)**

Mrs. Dey noted that she had updated the by-laws and, according to Borough Clerk Bendian, Councilman Gutwetter will bring them to the governing body for approval.

The Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 a.m., at Finch Park. The seniors have already filled the plastic eggs with the chocolate candy which was donated by Shop-Rite. The eggs will be put out at Finch Park beginning at 9 a.m. Mr. Popolo has the bunny costume, but someone is needed to be the bunny. Recreation clothing will not be available in time for this event.

Ramsey's 50<sup>th</sup> Home Run Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022. Mrs. Dey has been in contact with Paul Bradley from the Phillies. Ramsey's six overall winners through the years will be recognized prior to the 2022 contest. Rather than have a cake, baseball and softball cookies with the number 50 on them will be available. An e-mail was sent to the RBSA, detailing the plans so far. Mr. Blasius noted that the Bradleys liked to go to the Ramsey Country Club after prior events.

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. The pool established a \$10 administrative fee which was put in the waiver which every member must check off that they have read. It was suggested that the Recreation administrative fee policy be put within the receipt verbiage.

At the November meeting, there had been a discussion about field conditions/drainage and improvements, including possible turf fields 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 which was held recently also included representatives from baseball/softball. A meeting needs to be set up with Borough Administrator Vozech and Councilman Gutwetter, probably not until May.

Summer camp was discussed. Camp will go back to a full day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year's fees will not be increased (Early Bird-\$225 per child, \$350 per family; Regular Rates-\$275 per child, \$400 per family). Mr. Tireman would like the numbers capped at fifty per grade level, or 300 total campers. Mr. Popolo will discuss the final numbers with Mr. Tireman. It is expected that CapturePoint will go live on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Online registration for the lacrosse clinic (\$65), women's over 23 softball (\$50), and men's over 45 softball (\$75) is available through CapturePoint.

Mr. Jachts shared information about putting a fence at the pool between the field and the pool grounds. Recreation and pool would share the expense.

Mr. Blasius reported that some uniforms have been purchased for the adult softball league which Mr. Vozech schedules.

Mr. Popolo reported that the shed at Finch Park has been cleaned up. There are three to four tables in the building, and meetings could be held there.

Basketball went well. There is a lot of travel basketball which impacted the numbers for the recreation program. Challenger basketball went well too.

The wrestling dinner was held on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that someone step forward to run the program next year.

The Opening Day parade for baseball and softball is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jachts asked if recreation ever ran a volleyball program. There had been a scheduled clinic which had been cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. Christine Fitzgerald was the Commissioner who handled the clinic.

Mahwah has a bocce league which may be of interest to the seniors.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Jachts, seconded by Mr. Blasius, and passed.

