

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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. Nunziata, Commissioners, Council Liaison Gutwetter, and Mr. Tyburczy, Recreation Director. Mr. Winterhalter was absent.

MINUTES

Mr. Bach moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and passed.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

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

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 and DB Heating & Cooling; Mr. Blasius will check with B&G Bagels. Shop-Rite will provide their usual donations. Mr. Jarvis will pick up Friday night and Saturday morning. The yellow banners were updated with the 2023 date and a QR code. Regarding the water stops, Mrs. Dey contacted Jackie Gerscht who works with the scouts in the borough. She currently has secured four volunteers. The directional arrows must be correctly positioned. Mr. Kemp asked about a sign over Route 17 which was done a couple of times.

Regarding Home Run Derby, Andrew Iorio, Henry Steele, and Charlotte Zelizo did well at regionals and will advance to the championships.

Mr. Tyburczy shared information about the storage clean-up at McFarran.

Someone is still needed to coach the wrestling program. Mrs. Oliver noted that Chris Lowery, a 2020-2021 wrestler at Ramsey High School, would like to coach. However, there is a lot of additional administrative work so a parent or parents who will help with the program are also needed. A meeting will be scheduled with the former wrestling parents to solicit their assistance.

The Halloween activities on Saturday, October 28th will have a Recreation Commission/Fire Department collaboration as the Spring Egg Hunt did. The parade will begin at the Mechanic Street parking lot and proceed down Main Street to the firehouse, 25 South Island Avenue, where the costume contest and the trunk or treat will take place. Glow sticks and contest awards need to be purchased.

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 and waivers are being updated and okayed by the borough attorney. QR codes will be utilized. The fall field schedule is set.

At the August meeting, Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested that the March to May volleyball clinic be run again on Friday afternoons. The high school coach is Jessica Harte and the coach at Smith School is Alissa Barthelemy who will predominately be running the clinic.

Mrs. Dey did send out an e-mail blast about the pickleball courts at Finch Park.

Councilman Gutwetter noted that the deadline for journal articles is Friday, October 20th. Mr. Tyburczy will be writing Recreation's submission, covering CivicRec. The borough's alert system worked well for both Ramsey Day and the 9/11 observance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Blasius, and passed.