

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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

MINUTES

Mr. Winterhalter moved that the minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Blasius, and passed. Both the July and August meetings had been cancelled.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

The by-laws should be in the possession of the governing body for approval.

The plans for the Saturday, September 24th run were finalized. The bathrooms at the pool will be used rather than the senior center bathrooms. Mrs. Dey has handled the sponsor requests. As of noon, there were seventy-three pre-race sign-ups utilizing CapturePoint. The water stops need to be covered. Shop-Rite has approved the usual request. Mr. Popolo will pick up on Friday night and Mrs. Oliver will pick up Saturday morning.

The Halloween parade and costume contest is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the commuter parking lot on Mechanic Street and proceed down Main Street to the Ramsey High School cafeteria since the high school auditorium is unavailable. Shop-Rite has approved the candy donation request; Mrs. Dey will pick up. Due to the plastic bag ban in New Jersey, no bags will be distributed. The candy will be available in the cafeteria. The fire department's Trunk or Treat is scheduled the same day, beginning at 11 a.m.

Someone will be taking over the wrestling program from Brian Reid. An organizational meeting should be held shortly. Plans for basketball will be finalized at the October meeting. Game officials are needed.

The softball programs went well during the summer. Camp also was successful. Mike Kelly did an excellent job as camp director, replacing long-time director Scott Tireman.

Michael Leodori and Gunnar Bernardo qualified for the Home Run Derby finals in Philadelphia with Gunnar coming in first and Michael coming in fourth in their age groups. There was a discussion about communications in the borough. "Notify Me" through the borough website is used by Mrs. Dey to advertise Recreation's events but not enough residents are signed up. Mr. Kemp would like to utilize signage in store fronts to spread the word about Recreation's events.

Mr. Kemp reported that football is going well. The scoreboard at McFarran needs attention.

Councilman Gutwetter noted that the pickleball courts at Finch Park will soon be available for play. There should be a grand opening soon. The street hockey rink was disassembled but not discarded. It may be put together near Field 1. The tribute to Staff Sergeant Timothy McGill, dedicated on October 19, 2014, should remain displayed at the park, not put in storage.

Shop-Rite would like to have a movie night at Finch Park on Friday, September 30th. Mr. Popolo will contact Mike Wright to see if something can be scheduled. Shop-Rite will be paying for the event.

The December meeting will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

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