

# **RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**JANUARY 17, 2022**

The January 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 7:32 p.m. Present via teleconference were Mr. Blasius, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners, Council Liaison Gutwetter, and Mr. Popolo. Present at borough hall were Mr. Jachts and Mr. Jarvis, Commissioners. Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Siraki were absent.

The Election of Officers was held, with the following results: Mr. Jachts nominated Mrs. Oliver as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jarvis. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Mr. Jachts nominated Mr. Blasius as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jarvis. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Mr. Blasius, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jachts (sworn in at the Pool Commission meeting), Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Oliver, and Mr. Siraki need to be sworn in.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Kemp moved that the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mr. Winterhalter, and passed. The December meeting had been cancelled.

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

Ramsey's 50<sup>th</sup> Home Run Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022. Plans will be developed to make it a special event. As was done in the past, a Movie in the Park may be scheduled for Friday night.

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 will be asked what a responsible charge for a refund would be. That information will be added to the website and included on every recreation flyer.

Several months ago, Mrs. Oliver had sent everyone the by-laws draft via Google Docs for revisions. Prior to the meeting, they were again distributed to everyone. One section is in need of a re-write before they can be forwarded to Borough Attorney Scandariato for his input.

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. Mr. Jachts reported that a meeting had been held

in December with members of soccer, Hotspurs, football, and lacrosse. Representatives from baseball/softball did not attend. The group set up a committee and a non-profit is being formed. It is estimated that the project being considered could cost as much as three million dollars. Mr. Popolo noted that he had spoken to Borough Administrator Vozech about such a project since the borough would need to be involved. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for the end of January/beginning of February. Councilman Gutwetter will speak with Mr. Vozech.

Mr. Popolo asked if someone could take the lead on the Ramsey Recreation clothing items for the Commissioners. Mr. Blasius will do so.

Mr. Blasius noted that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Fun Run on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the same date as the Education Foundation's run. (It was later determined that the Chamber is not having its own run but is promoting the RPEF's 5K.)

Online registration took place for wrestling and basketball programs for both girls and boys.

Mrs. Oliver noted that someone is needed to run the wrestling program next year. This will be Brian Reid's last year. An end-of-the-season meeting with the parents was suggested to discuss the future of the program with them. Mrs. Oliver noted that there are three girls wrestling at the high school.

Regarding basketball, there are only thirty-one girls registered. They will be playing against girls from other towns, including Franklin Lakes, Mahwah, and Oakland. The boys have more players registered and there are full teams, although overall registration is lighter than in previous years.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and passed.