

RAMSEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

MARCH 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Ramsey Recreation Commission was called to order by Mr. Popolo at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Winterhalter, Commissioners, Council Liaison Verdone, and Recreation Director Patterson. Mr. Blasius, Mr. Mannion, and Mr. Siraki were absent.

Mayor Dillon swore in Mr. Kemp, Mr. Popolo, and Mr. Winterhalter. Mr. Mannion still needs to be sworn in.

MINUTES

Mrs. Oliver moved that the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting be approved as received, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, and passed.

ACTIVITY REPORTS (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

Summer Camp registrations will be done online via CapturePoint beginning in 2019. Access will begin on Monday, April 8th. Camp in 2019 will be for those in kindergarten through grade six.

Mr. Popolo reported that Challenger Basketball has ended. Mighty Mike (Mike Simmel) presented his “Bounce Out the Stigma” program to about twenty-five to thirty participants. The cost is \$200 per session. Mr. Patterson will speak with him about opening up the program, capping the number of participants.

Regarding Chris Azouri’s 3v3 fundraiser, he is looking at possible dates, maybe in the latter part of July. There will be no food trucks; the refreshment stand will be opened during the event.

Councilman Verdone reported that work at the pool was delayed due to the weather but they are doing a good job of catching up. He is looking for tables and chairs for the community center/senior center.

He belongs to Activities Unlimited which has between 350 and 400 senior citizen men as members. They would like to start a bocce club and they would like to use Ramsey’s bocce courts. He outlined the rules for their utilization of the courts, including a certificate of insurance. Two new bocce courts will be built because of the need for a catch basin to help with the drainage for the senior center site.

The pickleball courts are done. The signage will be changed. The courts must be resurfaced, and other repairs are needed. Mr. Popolo suggested that the pickleball courts be fenced off from the tennis courts.

Registrations for volleyball are still coming in. The program begins on Friday, March 22nd. There are volunteers for the program.

The wrestling program has ended. Their banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd, at Adorno Fathers. One of the wrestlers came in seventh in the state. Mr. Patterson noted that new singlets will probably be needed next year. Mrs. Oliver asked if fundraising could be done to subsidize the singlets, which would be allowable.

The basketball program has ended. Mr. Patterson noted that the girls' numbers were quite low. On the other hand, the boys' numbers were excellent. The eighth grade group, for example, had six teams. Fifty-six of them had participated in the program from fourth grade through eighth grade. They would like to continue the program beyond eighth grade into high school. Their games would probably have to be during the week, not on Saturdays.

The flyers are out for men's over 50 softball, women's over 23 softball, the spring lacrosse clinic, and soccer squirts. There will be an adult soccer flyer shortly.

The senior citizens have already filled the plastic eggs with the candy kisses which were donated by Shop-Rite. The egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Finch Park, beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. Oliver will handle the event with the assistance of all available Commissioners. She will arrange for a bunny who will receive a stipend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. upon motion by Mrs. Oliver, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, and passed.

