

The March 14, 2019 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by Vice President Oliver Dittamo at 7:35pm.

Present

V. President O. Dittamo
G. DiPasquale
T. Mele
D. Palazzo
M. Pascucci
N. Ricca
J. Mancinelli
D. Andriani
M. Monteyne

Absent

Oliver Dittamo read a statement that Kevin Barnes is no longer on the board and he welcomed new commissioner, George DiPasquale to the board. Oliver Dittamo made the motion to nominate Mickey Pascucci as the President of the board, Donna Alvino seconded the motion. Tom Mele made the motion to nominate Nancy Ricca as the President, Nancy declined the nomination. All were in favor of Mickey Pascucci as President. Mickey Pascucci accepted and made the statement that Kevin Barnes will be missed and how he did a great job. All agreed!

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Dan Palazzo seconded it.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani stated at the last Council meeting, they accepted Kevin Barnes's resignation and appointed George DiPasquale as the new commissioner. She stated that the Freeholders honored Totowa resident Kevin Walsh as Irishman of the Year.

Correspondence

Letters are coming in from those individuals interested in becoming counselors.

Financial

The current balance is \$38,695,73. Open invoices. 2019 budget not moved over yet by auditors.

Citizens to be Heard

None

Personnel

George DiPasquale made mention from the previous minutes regarding doing background checks on counselors and lifeguards, that will be a costly venture and nothing will show up on minors-just something to keep in mind when planning. Debbie Andriani stated that Kristen Corrado is looking into it as it might be a requirement from the insurance company.

Field and Grounds

Snow covered!!!!!!Tom Mele suggested that Mark Monteyne check them moving

forward and then forward the reports directly to Jim Niland, DPW. There are issues with geese dropping all on the fields and trail at the PAL. Oliver Dittamo asked can there be a town ordinance regarding residents feeding wildlife? Debbie Andriani will look into it.

Permits

Mickey Pascucci stated the majority of the spring permits are done. Insurance has been received from Tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, STING

Pool

Mark Monteyne stated he has looked into a CPR course being offered at PCTI. He will send information out to the previous lifeguards, hang it at Passaic Valley. Pool sign-ups and Camp sign-ups will be held on May 15th and May 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm. The pool will open on June 15th.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bunny Breakfast-flyers are going out to Pre-K-grade 4. It will be advertised in the paper-"Our Town." The egg hunt will take place after the breakfast, the bunny will hand out shirts donated by Pediatric Kindercare.

Mark Monteyne suggested running a trip to Medieval Times-\$42 per person for adult, \$36 for child. Possibly consider it for a Fall trip on a Friday night.

Mark Monteyne stated he was thinking of a 5K Run the end of September or as suggested possibly the same day as the Health Fair- October 12th -looking for a corporate sponsor-meeting tomorrow with Atlantic Health.

Community Center-looking into new programs to run-Mommy and Me; Paint sessions; Dance classes for the younger children.

Totowa Day

Planning has started, running along nicely. Other departments from town have been in touch with Mark and will attend later meetings closer to the date. The band has been reserved along with a Bouncy house. Shirts will be ordered, maybe this year we will sell Totowa Day shirts. A thought was to give out wristbands this year and possibly raffle off prizes.

PAL

George DiPasquale stepped down as Sgt of Arms to become a commissioner on the Board of Recreation. Chad Alessandrelli has replaced him as Sgt of Arms.

Report from the Director

Mark Monteyne stated he is looking into new ideas and has a vision to work on over the next five years to have a turf field in town.

Motion to adjourn was made by George DiPasquale and Oliver Dittamo seconded the motion at 9:05pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation

