

Borough of West Long Branch

Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes- July 8, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Debbie Ronan, Chair
Lorraine Strohenger
Susan Trocchia
Ronald Karpe
Salina Neuhaus

Also in Attendance:

Councilman Migliaccio
Councilwoman Mango
Kristen Gomez- Summer Rec.
Asst. Director

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31pm.

1. Kristen Gomez, Assistant Director of the **Summer Recreation Camp Program** provided an updated: There are a total of 105 campers signed up and enrollment is officially closed. It was a bumpy start with all new staff and only a handful of returning counselors. There is a minor issue with limited access to rooms within FAS but they are able to make do. Next year they plan to try and hold the camp back at Shore Regional where there is access to two gyms. There are inflatables every Friday and alternate between water slides and other activities. The first trip is set for this Wednesday, July 10th, to the Blue Claws Stadium. The next trip will be to the Popcorn Zoo, which will be held the final week of camp. With the many changes as well as having to outsource busing this year, there were limited funds to plan additional trips. There has been a change to the pick-up routine at the end of each day; parents are now asked to come into the building to retrieve their child for safety reasons. There are also more arts and crafts activities this year. Salina provided her feedback that her son is enjoying the camp. There has been mixed feedback from parents on some of the differences from previous years but overall everyone is pleased.
2. **Summer Concerts:** Debbie is awaiting a response from the DPW to have the trailer set-up at Franklin Lake by this Wednesday, July 10th. Lorraine will check and make sure all is functioning inside the trailer and give it a good cleaning. Councilman Migliaccio will open the electrical box on Friday for 'Light's Out'. The booking agency that has assisted with scheduling some of this year's entertainers had made us complimentary posters that display the dates and entertainers for our 2019 summer lineup. Lorraine has placed many posters around local businesses. Susan, Salina and Councilwoman Mango have offered to place posters in various areas as well. We will also be updating the sign at the Community Center as well as requesting the use of the Police Department's variable message sign to advertise at the lake. Lorraine also noted that building usage has been submitted to the Shore Regional BOE for use of the building in the event of rain for the August 9th and 23rd show dates. Borough hall will be forwarding a certificate of insurance onto Shore.
3. **Field Updates:** Ron advised that there is a soccer camp using Sorrentino Park from 9am-12pm this week as well as for one week in the month of August and they have still failed to provide all the necessary permit requirements. Ron submitted his letter of resignation as field usage chair but advised he will still remain involved with the Recreation Commission and help out where he can. Recreation chair, Debbie expressed her gratitude for all of his hard work and enthusiasm given the many challenges faced. Council and Recreation members expressed their appreciation and regrets that he would be resigning. Debbie suggested that council consider having the Borough offices take over the field usage permit process, as it is a full time job. Councilwoman Mango will speak with the Administrator

regarding taking over this responsibility. Debbie offered to provide the Administrator with all the necessary details and materials. Freddie advised that there is a potential agreement with Monmouth University to give our fields a complete overhaul in the beginning of each season. He will update as to the status as future meetings.

4. **Gazebo Renovation:** Lorraine happily advised that the Lions Club will be donating \$500 towards the Gazebo renovations at Franklin Lake. Other than overhauling and weatherizing the structure itself, they also plan to replace shrubbery and make other landscaping improvements.
5. **4th of July Fireworks:** Councilwoman Mango asked for feedback on this year's display. All members agreed that it was a nice improvement from last year's and that it went on for nearly twice as long as the prior year.

Meeting came to a close at 8:24pm

Submitted by:
Heidi Bahr, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, August 12th at 7:30pm