

Borough of Wood Ridge
Recreation Commission
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These are the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for the Recreation Meeting of December 9, 2009.

Dennis Brubaker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. After the Sunshine Law was read, attendance was taken, attendees were:

Toniann Azzolini –in attendance,
Emil Bevacqua –in attendance,
Dennis Brubaker – in attendance,
John Gingerelli – in attendance,
Jerry Lanzerotti – in attendance,
Michael McGahn – in attendance,
Joe Zielinski – in attendance.

Council liaison Ezio Altamura was in attendance.
Jacki Goldklang was in attendance.

A motion was made by John Gingerelli to accept the November 18, 2009 minutes, seconded by Toniann Azzolini, vote taken; all ayes, Motion passed.

Correspondence Outgoing

Request for Certificate of Insurance for Wrestling Passaic County Youth Wrestling
Request for Certificate of Insurance for Twin Counties Jr. Wrestling

Correspondence Incoming

BSN Sports – Brochure
Pitney Bowes – Brochure
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - Brochure

Permits:

N/A

Permits (denied):

N/A

Flyers to the schools:

N/A

Bills:

Vendor	Amount	Account	P/O2009
World Wide Sports Supply	\$187.92	Wrestling 217	r9-01304
Nunnbetter, ltd.	\$360	Seniors 099	r9-01303
New Jersey Youth Sports	\$140	Coaches Cert 201	r9-01312
Designs Advantage	\$1,347.50	Fall Soccer 225	r9-01307
A & J Trophy	\$1,442	Fall Soccer 225	r9-01306
Noreen Jones-refund	\$50	Jr. Football 204	r9-01248
Noreen Jones refund	\$25	Fall Soccer 224	r9-01248
Valerie Coulter	\$49.01	Ragamuffin 224	r9-01238
Vicki Auslander	\$223.07	Ragamuffin 224	r9-01249
Johnny on the Spot	\$166	Rec. Misc 099	r9-01266
Dennis Brubaker	\$75	Inst. Fees 219	r9-01268

A motion was made by Emil Bevacqua and seconded by Mike McGahn to approve the above bills; vote taken; all ayes, Motion passed.

Hearing of Citizens:

Larry Greenaway –In attendance on behalf of soccer. Larry stated that he is a 20 year resident and has coached all recreation sports in Wood Ridge. For the last year and a half, there has been a challenge with Pomponio Field. Baseball struggles, soccer struggles. We need to look into solutions and look at possible alternatives. He stated that he feels bad for the kids who miss so many practices and games because of field conditions.

Petra Arias – In attendance on behalf of soccer. Petra wanted to know what we can do going forward. She suggested a plan.

Barbara Fischkelta – In attendance on behalf of soccer. Stated that soccer is a good neighbor to the Port Authority. Questioned whether drainage was included in the future plans. Stated that if there is an inch and a half of rain, field is still wet three days later.

Phil Romero -in attendance on behalf of Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball. Stated that although in the past cheering has had use of the 6th street field, allowing soccer to use the 6th street field would be a big problem. Too much wear and tear on the field would be a very big problem. Stated that the younger parents want lights on the 6th street field and are currently circulating a petition. It only takes a yes vote from the council for the field lights to happen. If we have rain on a Saturday, seven games of baseball have to be made up. We also lose coaches because they cannot commit to the early weekday game schedule. Lights would help that as well.

Mayor Paul Sarlo –in attendance and responded to citizens. He himself as a teen practiced at Pomponio Field and the field has since come a long way. In the last 6-7 years, the field has been very usable. This was a bad fall in which we experienced about 4 weekends of severe rain. We will continue to look into possibilities. We are unable to secure a bond for a field that we do not own. Port Authority will be realigning Redneck

Avenue. They will fix up the parking lot and hopefully fix up the field as well. Mayor stated that he will put some pressure on the Port Authority to suggest some improvements to Pomponio Field. He will also look into possibly getting lights for a weekend at WRHS in the Fall. This would give Wood Ridge the opportunity for Friday night High School Football, Saturday night Junior Football and Sunday evening Soccer.

Rolando Rojas -in attendance and questioned whether there was any possibility that the new fields at Curtis Wright could be started now.

Brian Hansen-in attendance on behalf of Girls Softball. Brian stated that lights at the 6th street field would greatly benefit Girls Softball by giving Girl's Softball 14th Street Field for 7 days every week.

Old/Business Committee Reports:

- a. **Dennis Brubaker:** Instant Verification will be in on January 16th.
- b. **Jerry Lanzerotti:** Soccer wants lines on the WRHS Field. End of Fall Season Party went well. Track and Field signups are coming in.
- c. **Joe Zielinski:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Mike McGahn:** Stated that the desire for lights at the Little League Field is 25 years old.
- e. **John Gingerelli:** Nothing to report.
- f. **Emil Bevacqua:** Indoor currently has 86 registrations. US Sports Inst. New Contract received. Dates for camp look good. Distributed a copy of an email disclosure. Should we also update Parent Code of Ethics to include email?
- g. **Toniann Azzolini:** Nothing to report.
- h. **Ezio Altamura:** Re: Pomponio Field – explained that he has been involved in soccer for years. Pomponio Field is owned by the Port Authority and is located in Moonachie and part of the Meadowlands Commission designated as Wetlands. It is a 4 acre facility in which Wood Ridge has gotten a tremendous amount of use. Five years ago we added electricity.
- i. **Recreation Report (Jacki Goldklang):** Reported on registration totals.

New Business:

Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 13th at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall. The calendar of meetings for the year is as follows:

February 10th 7 p.m.

March 10th 7 p.m.

April 14th 8 p.m.

May 12th 8 p.m.

June 9th 8 p.m.

July 14th 8 p.m.

September 8th 8 p.m.

October 13th 8 p.m.

November 10th 7 p.m.

December 8th 7 p.m.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting of the Wood Ridge Recreation Commission will be held on **January 13th**. This will be our reorganization meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.** at the Borough Hall in the conference room next to the elevator. Please call Jacki Goldklang if you are unable to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.