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Recreation Commission
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These are the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for the Recreation Commission Meeting of March 28, 2018.

Dennis Brubaker called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The meeting began with everyone standing for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Sunshine Law was read, attendance was taken, attendees were:

Dennis Brubaker – in attendance,
Jerry Lanzerotti – in attendance,
Bryon Parisi: – not in attendance,
Barbara Fischkelta – in attendance,
LoriAnn Iacovino – in attendance,
Pat Ambrosio, -not in attendance,
Robert Valenti – in attendance,
Jon Wollerman – in attendance,
Ray Crews – in attendance,
Council liaison Ezio Altamura – in attendance
Commission Secretary/Director of Recreation Jacki Goldklang - in attendance.

Barbara Fischkelta made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018 Recreation Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Lanzerotti. A vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – yes, Bryon Parisi – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – yes, Loriann Iacovino – yes, Pat Ambrosio – NIA, Robert Valenti – yes, Jon Wollerman – yes, Ray Crews – yes. Motion passed.

Correspondence Incoming

Youth Day information
Don Anthony Brochure
Email from T.J. Kronke re Bradley Mika, WRHS Wrestler that placed 3rd in district 10.
Letter from Romana Kilikova MD re: accommodations for child in physical activities.

Correspondence Outgoing

Various reminders for AED/CPR classes
Various reminders for Coaches Certification Classes
Various reminders for Coaches Background Checks

Safety report for Coaches Certification to Paul Dahl

Letter to coach re: suspension

Dennis sent Thank You notes to Dan Eckert, Jonathan Braid, and Mike Tsiolas for their time volunteering and a successful season.

Flyers to the School (WRJSHS, WRIS, Doyle, Moonachie)

Track & Field 5th through 8th grade WR & Moonachie Schools

Permits

Little League & Girls Softball use of WRIS, Doyle & WRHS Gyms

WRHS Turf Babe Ruth Baseball

WR Rec Girls Softball 14th Street Field & WRHS Turf Field

WRIS & WRHS Turf Field for WR Rec Track & Field

WR Civic Center for Library Programs (Miss Nita, Sukey Molloy & Miss Danielle Yoga Storytime)

WRHS Turf for WRHS Baseball

WRHS Turf & 14th Street Field for WRHS Girls Softball

WRHS Turf for Diamondbacks Baseball

WRHS Turf for Titans Baseball

WRHS Turf & Doyle for WRHS Comp Cheer & Football Cheer

WR PTA Doyle & WRIS

Hearing of Citizens:

Taryn Havlicek was in attendance to request the Recreation Commission to sponsor her program for Mommy & Baby stroller classes. The class would be walk in pay \$10 and would be held behind the Civic Center in the mornings with classes to be brought inside in case of inclement weather. Taryn will contact Jacki to schedule.

*Barbara Fischkelta made a motion to sponsor the Mommy & Baby Stroller exercise classes at the Civic Center. The motion was seconded by Bob Valenti. A vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – yes, Bryon Parisi – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – yes, Loriann Iacovino – yes, Pat Ambrosio – NIA, Robert Valenti – yes, Jon Wollerman – yes, Ray Crews – yes.
Motion passed.*

Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:

- a. **Dennis Brubaker:** Coaches Certification training classes and certification for coach's classes were held throughout the month of March. A copy of the new training manual was shown to all. A copy of the Coaching Contract and Wood Ridge Code of Ethics for all new coaches to sign upon completion of the course was shown. The signed copy will be kept in the coaches folder in the Recreation Office. Youth Government Day has been moved to May 1st.

- b. **Jerry Lanzerotti:** Currently 87 Track & Field participants. Uniforms have been ordered. New javelins are required to help the boys and girls become more in line with what is used in high school.
- c. **Bryon Parisi:** Class was extended to April.
- d. **Barbara Fischkelta:** Basketball 8th grade girls are champions. Little League opening day is April 7th.
- e. **Loriann Iacovino:** Jr. Football has 14 helmets that will expire and need to be replaced this year. The snack stand and field house will be power washed.
- f. **Pat Ambrosio:** Not in attendance but reported that Jr. Wrestling had probably one the best Wood Ridge Wrestling years ever.
- 5 district champions
 - 5 district runner ups
 - 2 district bronze medalist with 7 advancing to the regional tournament
 - Of the 16 kids we entered in the district tournament, 14 finished in the top 4
 - We also had 6 kids enter in the state tournament with 4 placing and 2 finishing as state runner ups.

Coach Tsiolas – stated "I couldn't be more proud of this team and the amazing year they have had." Coach Tsiolas was grateful for the support of the Recreation Department and is looking forward to returning next year! I asked Coach Tsiolas to invite me to any future meetings that they may have so that the Commission can be a support to their program. He agreed.

- g. **Robert Valenti:** Completed a proposal for Nick Cipriano & W-R Board of Education in regards to 8th graders transitioning from recreation to High School sports. Bob will keep us updated and let the Rec. Commission know if and when it is adopted.
- h. **Jon Wollerman:** Working on t-ball schedule and rule changes for 2018. Andrea Marino will be speaking to the 7th & 8th grade softball players. This year will place more emphasis on teaching fundamentals in order to prepare the players for high school sports. 14th street field is in good shape with one issue at home plate which Jon will speak to Chris about.
- i. **Ray Crews:** Travel Basketball had a good season except for an issue with the Wayne League. They did not want to coordinate or cooperate with any other schedule. As a result one of our teams that made the playoffs had to forfeit due to another commitment. Loriann mentioned that she had a tough time with getting the signed waivers back from the parents. It was suggested that the players have to bring their signed waiver to the tryout before the season begins. Jacki will check with Paul Barbire to see if we need to add a clause so

that we do not need multiple parent signatures. Basketball overlapped with Spring Sports at WRHS and it made scheduling especially as a result of the weather very difficult.

- j. Ezio Altamura:** Senior Rec Comp Cheer (Gabby & Keri coaches) will be recognized for their season. Ezio requested that any other winter sports team that had accolades that they would like recognized by the Mayor & Council to contact him prior to the April 18th meeting.
- k. Recreation Report** – Applications are available March 1st through March 31st for Volunteer or Counselor positions for the 2018 Summer Recreation Program. A list of the volunteer & counselor candidates was read and there were no objections.
Two open gym programs were proposed. Jimmy Maher would like to hold open gym for 8th through 11th grade boys on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at WRHS. Krisann Montecalvo would like to hold open gym for 7th & 8th grade boys any day of the week at WRHS.

Loriann Iacovino made a motion to sponsor the open gym for 7th & 8th grade boys one night during the week at WRHS supervised by Kris Ann Montecalvo. The motion was seconded by Bob Valenti. A vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – yes, Bryon Parisi – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – yes, Loriann Iacovino – yes, Pat Ambrosio – NIA, Robert Valenti – yes, Jon Wollerman – yes, Ray Crews – yes. Motion passed.

Loriann Iacovino made a motion to sponsor the open gym for 8th through 11th grade boys Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning 4/10 through 6/7 at WRHS supervised by Kyle Auer.. The motion was seconded by Bob Valenti. A vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – yes, Bryon Parisi – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – yes, Loriann Iacovino – yes, Pat Ambrosio – NIA, Robert Valenti – yes, Jon Wollerman – yes, Ray Crews – yes. Motion passed.

New Business:

Jon Wollerman suggested that a sign be displayed at the Jocelyn Avenue Tennis Court limiting the amount of time of play.

Announcements:

Next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Please let Jacki know if you will not be in attendance.

Barbara Fischkelta made a motion to close the meeting at 9:20 p.m. . The motion was seconded by Jerry Lanzerotti. A vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – yes, Bryon Parisi – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – yes, Loriann Iacovino – yes, Pat Ambrosio – NIA, Bob Valenti – yes, Jon Wollerman – yes, Ray Crews – yes. Motion passed.