

**LEONIA RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
October 20, 2020**

Chairperson Abouaf called the virtual meeting to order at 7:05 p.m, duly publicized, and in accordance with the Sunshine Law in the Leonia Recreation Center.

PRESENT:

- Chairperson Jon Abouaf, Commissioner Jared Lee, ALT. Commissioner Jason Klein, Commissioner Paul Springob, Commissioner Dennyse Hernandez, Commissioner Marilyn Mulato, Commissioner Anthony Vassallo, Commissioner Vito Mazza, Councilman Louis Grandelis, Superintendent Barbara Davidson, Program Director Sean Krakower, Office Manager David Torres

ABSENT: No one.

MINUTES:

September 15, 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes, Commissioner Springob, Commissioner Mulato, second. Approved.

FINANCIALS

Swim Pool Budget Review 2020-Covid and Proposed. Program Director Krakower and Superintendent Davidson gave a complete overview of the numbers for both sets of budgets. The Commission was informed due to some transfers within the budget, the Swim Club would break even this summer. Councilman Grandelis thanked and applauded the department for their work and due diligence.

The 2021 Pool Budget was presented and accepted by the Commission to go forth to the Mayor and Council for 2021. The Recreation Operating Budget will be presented in November for final approval.

Motion to approve above mentioned budgets, Commissioner Springob, second Commission Mulato. Approved.

PUBLIC PORTION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee Report - Commissioner Springob spoke on the upcoming ad that was placed in the League of Municipalities on Monday, 19th, and deadline is Friday, October 23rd. A candidate internally was also interviewed the week of October 16th. The Committee will interview viable candidates and present their proposed candidate at the November 17th Commission Meeting.

Council Liaison Report - Councilman Grandelis spoke on the repair of the local streets going on now and the upcoming budgets for 2021. Mayor and Council will be in costume for the **Halloween on Broad** event.

Sports Booster Report -Tree sale: When and where, to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

Halloween on Broad - Office Manager Torres spoke on the event and the number of people that have signed up for the Trunk or Treat spots in the lots. The event is on for Halloween Day from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. The department will have staff being the SDA's for the day and the Commission will participate and help with social distancing. The Mayor and Council will participate in costume at the Triangle.

Rodent Issue in Building - The Health Inspector and the Exterminator have been in contact with the staff and they feel we may have controlled the situation with the business next door taking all the necessary steps to catch the rodents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bounce Out the Stigma - Program Director Torres gave an overview of the Grant we are looking to acquire to sponsor this Special Needs Program. It would be paid for by the Grant 80% up to \$5000.00. The program will be run in the winter with children /young adults who are on the spectrum.

Winter Basketball 2021 - Due to the pandemic it is felt by the Recreation Department that a league for children is unable to happen this winter. In place of the league will be an instructional program run by our in house, Coach Tyler Daniels. It will be run on Saturdays, Sundays and weekdays if there are enough children.

Game/Music /Trivia Late Nights - Tuesday evenings will be a night for people to join the Rec Department for some fun activities and song. It would run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Parks Walk - Superintendent Davidson reviewed the scheduled parks walk to observe any issues or problems with the parks. Issues were minor in all of the parks this season.

Meeting with Architect and Engineer - A meeting with the Administrator and tow professionals was had on Tuesday, October 20th to discuss the future renovations of the Recreation Center. The building is structurally sound but is in need of serious upgrades and ADA capabilities. The borough requested that the professionals work together to begin to develop drawings an schematics of the building.

Motion to go into closed to discuss personnel, Commissioner Lee. Second, Commissioner Springob. 8:25 pm

Motion to come out of closed, Commissioner Springob. Second, Commissioner Mulato. 8:30 pm

RESOLUTIONS:

#20-07 Acting Recreation Superintendent Sean Krakower. Motion to Approve, Commissioner Springob, Second, Commissioner Mulato. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PORTION

At 8:40 pm. a motion was made by Commissioner Mulato to adjourn, second by Commissioner Hernandez. Approved.