

LEONIA RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF June 15, 2021

Chairman Jon Abouaf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m, duly publicized, and in accordance with the Sunshine Law in the Leonia Recreation Meeting Room.

PRESENT:

In-person: Chairman Jon Abouaf, Commissioner Vito Mazza. Commissioner Jared Lee, Commissioner Dennyse Hernandez, Commissioner Marilyn Mulato, Council Liaison Louis Grandelis, Superintendent Sean Krakower, Program Director David Torres.

Absent: Commissioner Anthony Vassallo , Commission Alternate Jason Klein, Commissioner Paul Springob.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes, March 16, 2021.

Tabled to July 20, 2021

Approval of Minutes, May 18, 2021

Motion to approve minutes Commissioner Mazza. Second Commissioner Hernandez. Approved.

FINANCIALS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee: None

Swim Club Committee: Commissioner Mazza gave a brief synopsis of the Swim Club Committee meeting that took place June 1st. He noted that masking and social distancing policies were discussed and the Committee agreed to wait for further guidance from the state before we make any changes to the policies. Chairperson Abouaf reiterated to the Commission that any Covid policy changes must be approved by the Board of Health and the Mayor. Chairperson Abouaf stated that we will be increasing the max capacity on the pool grounds to 350 and the total membership to 1600. Commission Mazza asked who is making the decisions on policies. Councilman Grandelis stated that it is the governor's office that is writing the policies and guidelines.

Program Director Update: None

Councilman Report: Council Liaison Grandelis reported to the Commission that the Mayor and Council are looking at different approaches for the new municipal building that will allow them to make their budget. He also stated that the Mayor and Council is working on a resolution to condemn the rise of anti-semitism. We are the first municipality in the area with a resolution centered around anti-semitism and we will be sending it to other municipalities to follow our lead. Councilman Grandelis said that the Mayor and Council have now secured the budgets. The first floor of the Senior Center will now be used as an EMT Headquarters and they will work around our schedule so there will be no conflicts. We have received \$85,000 in grant money to renovate the downstairs of the Senior Center. Program Director Torres asked when the field and park permit ordinance will be introduced to the Mayor and Council? Councilman Grandelis responded that it will be at the first meeting in July.

Sports Boosters Report: Commissioner Mulato gave the report. She stated that the Sports Boosters would like their name and “donated by” on the scoreboard. Program Director Torres updated Commissioner Mulato on the quotes for the scoreboards. Commissioner Mulato had reported that the Carnival will be on the dates of July 15th-July 25th.

Chairperson Report: None

OLD BUSINESS

The Swim Club Update was discussed during the Swim Club Committee report and you can see the minutes above for the context.

The Sports Booster Scoreboard was discussed during the Sports Boosters report you can see the minutes above for the context.

Green Acres Program - Superintendent Krakower stated there will be a resolution at the Mayor and Council meeting to approve us moving forward with this grant opportunity.

New Business:

Capital Budget Update - Superintendent Krakower stated that we have been approved for repairs to the roof of the Recreation Center as well as the Sylvan Park improvements. He has been in touch with the Borough Engineer to get specifications for the roof repair.

Girl Scout Swing Donation Ceremony - Superintendent Krakower invited the Commission to Wood Park on June 17th at 3:00pm to watch the girl scouts unveil the inclusive swing that they have so graciously donated to the Recreation Department.

Run for Fun - Program Director Torres informed the Commission that Run for Fun will be

back this year after we had to cancel last year due to Covid19. This year we will not be using an automatic timing service because it is too expensive. We will be recording the finishing times ourselves.

Swim Club Pavilion Dedication - Superintendent Krakower invited the Commission to Barbara Davidson's plaque dedication at the pool on July 4th at 1pm.

4th of July - COVInDependence Day - Superintendent Krakower informed the Commission that Council Women Flaim had reached out to help plan a town wide event for the 4th of July. This event will include a biergarten, DJ, dunk tank, games, food trucks, movie, popcorn and cotton candy. This event will be a celebration of our essential workers and a memorial for everyone we have lost due to Covid.

At 7:50pm, a motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Mazza. Second by Commissioner Mulato.

At 8:15pm the Recreation Commission came out of closed session.

RESOLUTIONS

#21-04 - Program Director David Torres Probation Period

Motion by Commissioner Mulato. Second by Commissioner Hernandez. Carried.

PUBLIC PORTION

None

At 8:19 P.M, a motion was made by Commissioner Mulato to adjourn, second by Commissioner Springob. Approved.