

**LEONIA RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2022**

Chairman Jon Abouaf called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, duly publicized, and in accordance with the Sunshine Law in the Leonia Recreation Meeting Room.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Jon Abouaf, Commissioner Andrew Choi, Commissioner Anthony Vassallo, Commissioner Marilyn Mulato, Council Liaison Louis Grandelis, Commissioner Dennyse Hernandez, Superintendent Sean Krakower and Program Director Destiney Sampson and Commissioner Vito Mazza arrived at 7:35pm

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Ken Fernandez and Commission Alternate Jason Klein

**MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes Vassallo, seconded by Mulato

Approval of Minutes April 19, 2022

The minutes of April 19, 2022 were tabled due to not having a quorum to vote or discuss them.

Approval of Minutes May 17, 2022

The minutes of April 17, 2022 were tabled due to not having a quorum to vote or discuss them.

Approval of Minutes June 21, 2022

The minutes of June 21, 2022 were tabled due to not having a quorum to vote or discuss them.

**FINANCIALS**

Quarterly Financial Reports (April – June)

REC OE – went negative on conferences and seminars due to hotel fees; no questions

ACTIVITIES – Activities account is large due to summer camp but it will get lower after expenses

SWIM CLUB – Income that came in the month of June is the highest it's ever been; Commissioner Choi asked about credit card refunds and Superintendent Krakower explained why we show it on the financial reports; chlorine was the biggest expense as well as the painting service. Commissioner Mazza asked if it's possible to purchase chlorine a year in advance but Superintendent Krakower said he already looked into it and unfortunately, it's not possible at the time.

SENIORS OE – no questions

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Andy Post, President of Rotary Club, 319 Clinton Place, Hackensack, NJ requested the use of Wood Park for the Rotary Club's annual Oktoberfest. Sally Seymour explained they used to have it at the American Legion but they have out-grown the space. They also want to use Wood Park for safety purposes instead of having it at the American Legion which is on one of the busiest streets in Leonia. The event is on October 9, 2022 from 2-8pm. Superintendent Krakower mentioned that they have to inquire about permit applications for food vendors with the Health Department and Fire Prevention Department. Superintendent Krakower asked if they had received their liquor permit for the event. Ms. Post said they have applied for it and will follow up with the state.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chairperson:** The Program Director was approved and we have approval to search for an Office Manager

**Programs and Fees:** need to go over the vocabulary for the permit policies. Superintendent Krakower will set up a Programs and Fees Committee meeting to review.

**Swim Club:** none

**Program Director-** Destiney Sampson is the new Program Director

**Councilman Report** – Council Liaison Grandelis stated that the Mayor and Council deferred the capital budget aside from two projects. The Borough Engineer did a great job. Municipal complex is going well.

**Sports Boosters Report:** none

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Eagle Scout Project:**

*Kyle's project* - (Bat Box) – Superintendent Krakower spoke to the Health Department and Borough Engineer. The Health Department has no issues with the boxes and the Engineer's concern is what will weigh down the bat box poles.

**AYSO Soccer being converted to a Recreation Program:** Chairperson Abouaf explained that Portia Amato and Marvin Dillard no longer want to run it so they have come to the Recreation Department and we will be taking over. Zeno Cho with STL Academy will be hired to coach these programs. Everyone's concern is whether it's worth having 3 soccer programs. A special meeting Programs and Fees meeting was requested for this topic.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cameras at the pool and park – Superintendent Krakower spoke to the Chief of Police and he has a plan to put cameras in his capital budget for 2023.

Commissioner Choi wants to entertain the idea of a Thanksgiving 5K the morning of Thanksgiving. He would like to have a food donation that would go to Leonia Food Pantry.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

At 8:33 PM, a motion was made by Commissioner Abouaf to adjourn, second by Commissioner Vallado. - Approved.