

# Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting

## January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Michael Prulello (Chairman)	Present
Eugene Godlewski (Vice Chair)	Present
Paul Shoyinka	Present
Don Morrell	Present
Jeff Devito	Present
Brian Joyce	Present
Kyle Lezette	Present
Joanie Diore (alt #1)	Present
Brian Harris (Alt # 2)	Present
Tony Como (Director)	Present
Councilman Gorman	absent (Council Meeting)

Chairman Prulello called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

*Director Como announced "That all requirements of the Open Public meeting law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of The Borough of Dumont*

*Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers*

*Notices prominently posted in a space provided on the bulletin board*

*At the Borough Hall*

*Notice has been filed with Borough Clerk*

**Chairman Prulello sworn in reappointed Commissioner Jeff Devito. New Commissioner Paul Shoyinka**

### **Open Public Participation**

**Commissioner Godlewski made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Lezette. Roll call taken motion carried.**

**Edwin Angeles**

**Rocco Giangregorio**

**Boys travel basketball**

Ed asked what is the status of recreation having use of the gyms for the winter season

Director Como stated that he has been going back and forth with Board of Ed. They recently sent me another group of questions, which I will be providing them the answers to tomorrow upon approval of the risk manager.

Ed stated that time is running short for them to register for the Bergen County Travel basketball league

He thought the deadline was January 14<sup>th</sup>. Ed asked to help expedite things could Director Como submit our gym requisitions at the same time he sends in the answer to their questions. Boy's Travel Basketball would like to request Grant & Selzer Schools Monday thru Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm.

Director Como stated that at this time he is not allowed to submit any requisitions or open up registrations.

Director Como stated that if they approve gym time you might be limited because the protocols state that the gyms must be clean in between each practice or game. There could possibly be a 30 minute wait in-between games and practices.

Ed asked if he could have a copy of the new information that the Board of Ed requested so that maybe they could help move things along.

Director Como stated that as soon as the risk manager approves it I will send it out.

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Godlewski. Roll call taken motion carried.**

## **Directors Report**

None at this time

## **Committee Reports**

### **By-Laws Committee**

#### **Commissioner Devito**

**Report is under old business**

## **Old Business**

### **Commissioner Devito**

Commissioner Devito updated the commission on the status of the bylaws. They are currently in attorney review. We hope to have them back by Mid-January so we can provide the commissioners ample time to review them before our next meeting.

Commissioner Devito asked winter sports under new business will we be voting on winter sports tonight. Chairman Prullelo stated that he put on the agenda so that we can discuss and possibly move to vote on it.

## **New Business**

### **Jr. Football**

Commissioner Lezette told the commission that the current president of Jr. Football will be moving out town. Commissioner Lezette said that he will be in touch with the remaining board members to see if anyone wants to step up and run the program. He also stated that he has a couple of Ideas on how to improve the program for the coming season.

## **Commissioner Assignments**

Chairmen Prullelo stated that the assignments will be available within 48hours.

## **Winter sports**

Commission Held a discussion concerning winter sports Basketball Boy's & Girl's recreation & travel, Wrestling, Cheerleading.

Commissioner Joyce stated that he would have to speak with the girl's program to see how they felt about having a season.

Commissioner Morrell stated that he would like nothing better than to have the kids playing again, but we need to hear from the risk manager and the Mayor and Council to find out what they are thinking

Commissioner Morrell asked that meeting that we had in the fall did it include the winter programs

Director Como stated that it was for only the fall programs fall and winter are two different seasons

Director Como reminded the commission that the borough attorney & the risk manager advised us that if the protocols are not followed and someone got sick we could all face some liability. Also it would be our responsibility to make sure that the protocols are being followed.

Commissioner Devito asked if we could get a clarification on the number team members that the school would allow.

Director Como stated that he has been dealing with the board of Ed for a couple of months each time he submits the plan they come back with more questions. This is going to be the third revision.

Commissioner Joyce stated that he felt that the Board of Ed is stringing us along, he felt that at the end of the day they will not give us the gym time.

Commissioner Devito asked Director Como if he can get a clarification on the Number of team members that would be allowed on a team he thought that was an error.

Director Como will get clarification and report back.

**Commissioner Devito made a motion to allow winter sports for this coming season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Shoyinka.**

**Director Como started to take roll call and was stopped by commissioner Morrell who stated that you cannot split your vote recreation virus travel sports. That would create a big problem for us. It should be all or nothing.**

**At this Time commissioner Devito withdrew the motion.**

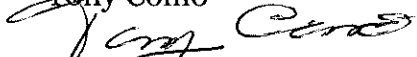
Commissioner Diore who works in the medical field spoke how they are seeing a number of young college athletes who have had covid-19 and are having heart problems and are unable to return to sports.

**Commissioner Devito made a motion to allow winter sports with the approval of the mayor & Council & the Borough risk manager. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken 1 abstention, 2 yes, 4 no Motion Failed. There will be no winter sports this season.**

**Commissioner Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Prulello Roll call taken motion carried Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm**

Submitted by

Tony Como

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Como', written over the printed name.

Recreation Director