

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting-Called to order 7:32 pm**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Mike Greeley, Jason Alvator, Judi Feinberg, Michelle Merchant Sara Levinson, David Reichel, Nahuel Quiroga, Jamie Cannon, Carol Roux, Adam Michaels-Council Liaison

ABSENT: Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison

Oath of Office administered to: Jason Alvator-Mr.Greeley administers the oath of office to Mr. Alvator

- II. MINUTES:** September 21, 2020-Ms. Merchant motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Quiroga seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.

Reorganization voting on Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Merchant nominates Mr. Greeley for the position of Chair, Mr. Reichel seconds the nomination, all in favor the motion is carried.

Ms. Feinberg nominates Mrs. Levinson for the position of Vice Chair, Mr. Quiroga seconds the nomination

Ms. Merchant nominates Mr. Reichel for the position of Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley seconds the motion.

Mrs. Levinson withdraws and gives the position to Mr. Reichel, all in favor the motion is carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Covid policies & procedures-**Mrs. Feinberg requests clarification regarding when a school has closed down for Covid-19 cases can individual who are not quarantined still participate in town activities.
Mr. Quiroga states soccer does temperature checks and asks a group of questions.
Mrs. Levinson asks what the recreation's policy is.
Ms. Cannon states sports will notify her if there is a case and recreation is following the CDC protocol.
Mrs. Levinson asks if residents are aware of the policy.
Mrs. Feinberg suggests during school vacation time when people are traveling we should reiterate that they must quarantine from town activities as they do from school, with a general reminder at the start of vacation.
Mr. Greeley feels it would be better served to have coaches reach out to their players, teams may use Team Snap.

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Mrs. Feinberg feels there should be a formal follow up to the schools policy with one unified paragraph for all to use.

Mr. Michaels will follow up with the Borough Administrator regarding the town's policy and also feels a reminder should go out.

Mr. Greeley states the Recreation Department should put out an email blast and this should be passed on to the coaches and sports so they may reiterate the policy.

Ms. Merchant states a school that is totally virtual is not under quarantine.

IV. AUDIENCE: No Audience

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

*****All Sports, Programs and Events are subject to the Governors EO, NJDOH and any changes to COVID guidelines/protocols*****

1. Fall 2020 Sports- Ms. Cannon reports Recreation/Travel Soccer had over 250 participants, Lacrosse Clinic grades K-8 had over 100 participants, Junior Football had 17 participants with a few players in Pee Wee and Sr. playing for Cresskill, our Cheer Team had 20 participants. Ms. Cannon states Travel Baseball had teams in every age group, we also ran Youth & Adult Tennis, Rec Youth Basketball which took place outdoors and Men's Adult Soccer League

Ms. Cannon reports there was one COVID case documented from a player on TJSL Soccer clinic on the last day of their Fall session, due to small groups, there was no direct contact with other children and they followed extremely safe protocols-there was no known spread and child was immediately quarantined.

Ms. Cannon states there were no other known cases were affiliated with any Recreation sports, events or programs. Ms. Cannon praises the towns volunteer coaches and sport leaders who went above and beyond for the safety of the children.

2. Winter Indoor/Outdoor Programs-Ms. Cannon reports new outdoor programs were added to the Winter session following Covid-19 protocols.
-Flag Football Clinic-Ms. Cannon states our football clinic was full with 75 participants, it is separated into 3 groups and is held outdoors on Geissinger Field. The clinic is run by parent volunteer coaches, Mr. Morrison and the other volunteers including High School football team are great.
Mr. Alvator states the boys are obsessed with the clinic and have a great time. Mrs. Feinberg states the clinic is phenomenal. Mrs. Feinberg states there are some participants who can only attend one of the two days and maybe in the future we can allow players to register for one day allowing more registration. Mrs. Feinberg inquires if the clinic will be offered in the Fall.
Ms. Cannon states kids play other sports in the Fall.
Mr. Alvator ask what the plans are for football.

Mrs. Cannon states we hope to merge with Cresskill as our Pee Wee's and Sr's played with Cresskill in the Fall and it went very well.

Ms. Merchant asks if Cresskill is reluctant to merge.

Ms. Cannon states they have a lot of players and are concerned there may be an issue in the future.

Mrs. Feinberg asks if there is no merge would flag football be an option, she states there is a flag football league at Overpeck Park.

Mr. Greeley feels a football meeting should be held with Mr. Morrison.

A discussion ensued.

-Girls Softball Clinic-Ms. Cannon states our softball clinic is full with 30 girls registered, the clinic is running with small groups at 4 stations, the clinic is coached by all of the Recreation Department staff members outdoors on the Municipal Field. Ms. Cannon states we are hoping to raise awareness and the love for softball to have more girls register for the Spring.

-Adult Walking Club-Ms. Cannon states we have 9 participants and the club was spearheaded by our very own Ms. Merchant.

Ms. Merchant states the Walking Club has been great everyone is getting to know each other and they are going to possibly walk on Saturday in the Spring.

-Craft Club (grab and go crafts)-Ms. Cannon states the Craft Club is full for each craft, the cost of each craft is \$5.00. Ms. Cannon states that Mrs. Roux has organized each craft.

-Trivia with Kenny- Ms. Cannon reports kids and families have been joining in every week and having a great time while winning some gift cards and prizes. Ms. Cannon reports the H.S.A. asked Kenny to host a virtual Family Trivia Night.

-Indoor programs including-Ms. Cannon reports we are also holding indoors Robotics-Stem Program, Tai Chi and Dance, all classes are full and following safety protocols.

- 3. Wrestling-**Ms. Cannon states we are holding a Wrestling Clinic with a total of 16 participants.

Mr. Alvator is a volunteer coach and states it is a cross fit conditioning program.

Mr. Greeley is a volunteer coach and states they are keeping the participants very busy. Mr. Greeley thanks Ms. Cannon and Mrs. Roux for their help on obtaining mats from the high school, jump ropes and resistance bands.

He feels we are keeping the sport alive with the help of dad volunteers.

Ms. Cannon states she has received praises from parents on the program and they are thankful for something for their children to do in these hard times.

- 4. Spring Sports/Summer Camp-** Ms. Cannon reports registration is currently open for Spring sports (Girls Softball, Boys Lacrosse) and Summer Camp registration will begin on February 15th.

Mrs. Feinberg asks Mr. Reichel what Lacrosse will look like this year.

Mr. Reichel states everything will be the same with 3 tournaments and 6 games, the league will be having a meeting soon. Mr. Reichel reports at this time he does not have a coach in 7th grade but there will be a team.

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Mr. Reichel is currently overseeing pick-up games in the Tiger Cage for 6th grade.

Ms. Cannon reports registration will begin on February 15th for Summer Camp grades K-6, she states at this point we will be running camp the same as last year following all Covid-19 protocols unless restrictions are lifted.

Mr. Greeley asks where camp will be held and if they pre-school and toddler camps will be held.

Ms. Cannon states we would like to hold camp at the Tenafly Middle School however the Board of Education has not approved a site as of now. Ms.

Cannon states at this time we are not offering the two camps for younger children due to all of the COVID-19 restrictions.

5. Past Events- Trunk-or-Treat & Virtual Halloween Costume Contest:

Ms. Cannon reports we had an amazing turnout of trick-or-treaters. The night went really well-we had a steady flow of participants that were safe and socially distanced.

-Visit with Santa/Toy Drive: Ms. Cannon reports this event was very well received.

-Letters from Santa, Door Decorating Contest-Ms. Cannon reports we had several participants in both events.

***Received lots of positive feedback for all that has been done to date during the pandemic.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recreation Committee Meeting Dates 2021-Ms. Cannon reports the 2021 dates modified so there are no conflicts with holidays, council meetings, or BOE meetings.

Mrs. Levinson feels we should return to scheduling 10 meetings a year and if the meeting is not necessary we can cancel.

Mrs. Feinberg feels we should have a solid schedule.

A discussion ensued.

Mrs. Levinson motions to schedule 10 meetings with the caveat that communications will be sent to the board members in July and August, Mr. Quiroga seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

Mr. Greeley requests that meetings be held alternating Mondays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Feinberg requests minutes be sent to members 1-2 weeks after meetings labeled draft and all members are aware these unofficial minutes cannot be shared.

2. Summer Camp Compensation- Ms. Cannon states compensation for camp for both the Director and Assistant Director was requested in the 2021 budget and retro from 2020. Ms. Cannon states a letter from the Recreation Board was sent to the administrator and we are awaiting follow-up.

3. **Skate park-** Ms. Cannons reports she has submitted the cost for a new skate park into the Capital Budget to be considered for a 3 year phase project. Mr. Greeley asks Mr. Michaels the timeline for the monument and area restoration. Mr. Michaels states a grant has been received therefore the work will begin soon.
4. Mr. Greeley states he noticed the Tiger Cage wiring around the goal is taking a beating and ask if the company can give an alternative. Ms. Cannon reports Mr. Spina is constantly fixing it and she has reached out to a welder, she will also speak to Mr. Cassidy as DPW has a welder on staff. Ms. Cannon also reports the turf will need replacing soon. Mr. Quiroga inquires if T.U.S.C. will contribute to the new turf and suggest a Hockey Rink border may be an alternative to fencing. Ms. Cannon reports the fence is needed for safety and insurance. Mrs. Levinson states the agreement for the Tiger Cage was after Soccer's donation the Borough accepted all maintenance of the facility and it should be added to the budget. Mr. Michaels states he will ask the engineer for a cost. Ms. Cannon states a light pole fell at the Basketball Courts during the December storm and Musco lights have been placed in the budget.
5. Mr. Greeley asks if there have been any issues with the Dog Park. Mr. Michaels states they have only heard positive feedback and the budget will include money for signage and benches.
6. Mr. Greeley inquires about the Rails to Trails, Mr. Michaels states the borough is waiting on CSX. Mr. Greeley suggests contacting the bicycle shops for any help. Ms. Cannon states she has included outdoor fitness equipment in the budget. Mr. Greeley states Mrs. Roux has been asking for 10 years.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ice Skating Rink-**Ms. Cannon reports we will be installing a synthetic ice rink on the Basketball Courts. Mr. Michaels has raised the money through donations. We will be ordering the rink and it will take 2-3 weeks for delivery. Pre-registration will be required, the limit will be 20 skaters per time slot, we will have skate rentals available. Staff will be onsite and all Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Mr. Michaels states that Jamie Corsair brought the idea to him and was very helpful and thanks Ms. Cannon for executing the project details. Mr. Michaels states the rink can be used by the summer camp and will be moved and set up downtown during the Summer. The town will follow all Executive Orders. Mr. Greeley asks if there will be a registration fee and can you register onsite. He feels this is a great idea. Ms. Cannon states this will be for Tenafly Residents only, the sessions will be for 1 hour and the fee will be \$15-\$20 per hour. Ms. Cannon states if there are spots available you will be able to register onsite, the staff will have an iPad to assist with registration. Ms. Cannon states we will only be using 1 court.
2. Mr. Quiroga asks if the co-sponsored sports be at the next meeting.

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Ms. Cannons states yes they will be at the meeting.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI

1. **Mom & Dad's Night Out-** cancelled due to COVID-19
2. **Father/Daughter Valentines Dance-** cancelled due to COVID-19
3. **All other programs/events for the year are TBD based on updated information**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 pm

Mr. Quiroga motions to adjourn, Mrs. Feinberg seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.