

Approved September 20, 2021

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES JUNE 21, 2021
Called to order 7:33 pm**

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

ABSENT: David Reichel, Sara Levinson, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison

II. MINUTES: May 3, 2021 **Mrs. Feinberg motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Quiroga seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

IV. AUDIENCE:

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1. Summer Camp:** Ms. Cannon reports Summer camp is at maximum capacity, but we have been assisting any residents that want to register for camp in these last few days before camp starts. The Department of Health paperwork was approved, all COVID guidelines will be followed, staff orientation is on Friday, will be ready for start of camp on Monday, June 28th. Mr. Greeley asks how much staff was hired, Ms. Cannon reports we have a 10:1 ratio. Mrs. Feinberg asks if camp will be utilizing the pool. Ms. Cannon reports campers in grades 2-6 will be allowed to go to the pool 5 days a week with 100 campers at each time slot and K-1 along with anyone else back at camp will utilize the sprinklers. Ms. Cannon reports we will follow the same Covid-19 protocols as last year with temperature checks in the morning.
- 2. Summer Programs/Camp Registrations:** Ms. Cannon reports most all programs are full and we have offered additional sessions to try and accommodate interest, we have over 250 registrations. Ms. Merchant asks if any new programs were added, Ms. Cannon states Mad Science changed projects and we have outdoor sports. Mr. Greeley asks when we will be bringing back our indoor classes, Ms. Cannons states they have continued running through the seasons with Covid-19 protocols.
- 3. Fall Programming:** Ms. Cannon reports Football, Boys & Girls Lacrosse clinic, Cheer Team are online now for registration. Due to the success of the Boys Lacrosse program-Girls Lacrosse clinic is taking pre-registrations and a poll for Spring interest is also online. We are currently looking into getting the

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girls in a Lacrosse League for Spring 2022. Ms. Cannon reports she has reached out to Jersey Girls Lacrosse for details and registration information. Mr. Quiroga suggests we reach out to other towns, so see if there are players who are interested in playing, we should be proactive. Mrs. Feinberg suggests we send information to other Recreation Departments to have girls register with us. Ms. Cannon feels we will need to have combines teams.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Junior Football-**Ms. Cannon reports Dumont currently does not have enough kids to merge with Tenaflly. There are no other teams that have availability for a merge as per the league. Dumont has released a few players on the Junior level to register with our team. We have not had notification from them on Pee Wee or Senior level.

Current #'s: Pee Wee: 14 Junior: 10 Seniors: 10. We should be okay to field 3 of our own teams for this year. Mrs. Feinberg suggest we offer Flag Football because tackle is too serious we need to make it fun to keep the kids in the program. Ms. Cannon states that Coach Morrison will hold his flag football clinic again in the Winter. Mr. Greeley states tackle football is a serious sport and you can teach kids the fundamentals of the sport but not the love for the sport.

- 2. Softball Training/Instructors:** Ms. Cannon reports after the discussion at the last meeting regarding trainers for softball she contacted a few companies for pricing. None of the companies offer coaches for training and games during softball season.

Challenge U-Wyckoff, Maggeos-Tenaflly, IntheZone-Flanders were all contacted and they are very expensive. Ms. Cannon states we also contacted other towns to see where they stood with trainers/instructors. None of the surrounding towns that run Recreation Softball have trainers or instructors. It is all volunteer coaches. If a child wants additional training, they go directly to a facility paid by the parents. Most of the travel try-out teams are volunteer coaches as well. Mr. Quiroga suggests we contact local colleges to possibly find players interested in a paid training position for a Fall Clinic and states parents/coaches should also attend the clinic. Mrs. Feinberg states she knows there are parents willing to pay for professional trainers for recreation softball and suggest Ms. Cannon advertise and take registration online with no fee to gauge interest. A discussion ensued

- 3. Committee Restructure:** This issue is closed.
- 4. Committee Meeting Dates:** Ms. Cannon reports the next meeting will be held on September 13th.
- 5. Basketball Court Lights (item added by Adam M)** Councilman Michaels reports the funding of the Musco lights on the Basketball Courts has been approved. This project is being taken over by Mike Cassidy at the DPW.

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- 6. Skate Park actions (item added by Adam M)** Councilman Michaels states the skate park is unsafe and he recommends clearing out the last piece of equipment, the new skate park was not approved in this year's budget. Ms. Merchant asks when a new skate park is going up and that we owe it to the people who use the skate park to have an answer for them. Councilman Michaels states he cannot give a definite time frame as it must be approved in a budget. A discussion ensued. **Mr. Quiroga motions to keep the skate park up with communication to the community, Mrs. Feinberg seconds, Mr. Alvator opposes, the motion is carried.**
7. Mrs. Feinberg states the major league field is owned by the Board of Education but inquires who maintains the field. Ms. Cannon states Little League is responsible for grooming and maintaining the field and if they cannot they would need to pay an outside company. A discussion ensued.
8. Mr. Quiroga asks when the new website will be live. Ms. Cannon states she has not been given a date but has been updating our section.
9. Ms. Merchant asks about the outdoor exercise equipment. Ms. Cannon reports she included it in her capital budget, however everything in her capital budget was denied.
10. Mr. Michaels explains the budget process and open space funds. A discussion ensued.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Downtown Revitalization Plan** –Councilman Michaels states a planner will come back to the council with a vision for the downtown. Mrs. Feinberg states the information from the council should go out on social media. Mr. Greeley states an APP for the website would be helpful. Mr. Greeley asks if outdoor dining will be permanent. Councilman Michaels states the Governor has not stated outdoor dining must end so we will continue to allow it.
2. Mr. Quiroga asks how the dog park is. Ms. Cannon states the dog park is under the DPW.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI

1. **First Day of Camp**-Monday, June 28th through Friday, August 6th

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 pm

Mrs. Feinberg motions to adjourn, Ms. Merchant seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.