

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Crest Pier Recreation Center

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of the Sunshine Ordinance – In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 231 175, the notice requirements have been classified as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice of the same on the bulletin board in borough hall and by mailing the same to the Gazette Leader and the Herald.

Roll Call:	Don Cabrera, Commissioner	not present
	James Grauel	not present
	Toni Fucellaro	present
	Zach Ruffo	present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Steve DelMonte of Delmo Sports Racing Company is also present.

Toni Fucellero made a motion to approve the minutes from the last recreation commission meeting. Zach Ruffo seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Steve DelMonte gave a presentation for a potential 10-mile running race to be held in the fall. He gave the same presentation earlier today to the tourism commission.

Steve said he believes a 10-mile race will work for three reasons if there's nothing like it, it's consistent and if there's buy-in from the community.

Steve said he does not want the race to have a similar course to the Wild Half marathon. He'd like to see a Centennial Park start and finish. The race would be held primarily in the Crest but would also go into Lower Township toward the Canyon Club in Cape May and come back. The nature preserve in Lower Township would also be utilized.

Steve believes the best weekend for this potential event would be Columbus Day weekend each year. His idea for the name is Crest Best 10-Miler. It would be a good warm-up race for anyone running the Philadelphia Marathon later in the fall. It's also a weekend ahead of the Atlantic City Marathon.

He thinks it will need to be offered to the public at a very good price to start.

Steve said the event will need GWTIDA support, as well as Wildwood Crest support through police, DPW, recreation, running club, local triathlon club, TDC and Rec Commission.

Steve would like to get some kind of preliminary approvals as soon as possible to give the maximum amount of time to promote the event.

Steve said the goal for the first year would be to get 2,000 runners.

Toni Fuscellaro said it sounds like great event. She likes the idea of that particular weekend. The Cape Express soccer tournament used to be held that weekend but is no longer operating. The number of visitors to the island that weekend has plummeted. This event would be bringing something here that weekend that would be be great and it would be very unique to the Crest.

Zach Ruffo believes this is a good idea for that weekend. He knows the Broad Street Run in Philadelphia has become a huge event and that this could do the same.

Brian Cunnif stated that the TDC seems to be behind it but not yet sure to what extent. They would not be sole backer. Race will need support from lots of areas.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.