

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, March 12, 2018

Crest Pier Recreation Center

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:22 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, Mayor/Commissioner	present
	James Grauel	not present
	Toni Fuscellaro	present
	Zach Ruffo	present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Zach Ruffo made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Recreation Commission meeting in February. Toni Fuscellaro seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Cunniff stated that the grades K-2 indoor soccer league at the Crest Pier is ongoing. Numbers are way up from last year. Last year only 8-9 players on each team; this year each team with 11 players. Four teams in league.

Frank Basile stated that priority registration for returning Pier Playmates Day Camp attendees is ongoing and ends in early April. Open registration begins April 27. Grades K, 4 and 5 are already closed due to high numbers.

Frank Basile said the grammar school basketball Island Tournament held last month at Crest Pier was a success. Five good days of events. No problems whatsoever. Skills Competition was well attended. Promotes good camaraderie among the kids on the island and a good community event. Dance was held Saturday night that weekend. Toni Fuscellaro stated that the kids enjoy the event every year.

Frank Basile stated that the South Shore basketball championships were held at Crest Pier March 3-4 for the third straight year. Teams coming from as far north as Linwood, Ocean City and Woodbine as well as some more local teams.

Frank Basile stated that the Special Olympics state basketball championships will be held in the Crest Pier March 24-25.

Frank Basile stated that plans are to bring back the daily exercise classes to the beach pier this summer, as well as Zumba three days per week at Centennial Park. Frank said he also received a proposal from a fitness instructor about possibly hosting a boot camp at Centennial Park each Sunday.

Frank added that yoga at Sunset Lake this summer will no longer be free. The class was instructed by a full-time employee so it was free. Now it will be led by a paid instructor so there will be a fee attached. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from late June through early August.

Mayor Cabrera stated that he received a request from a Joan Parker about the Crest Pier possibly becoming a monthly gathering place for a widows/widowers group. Brian Cunniff stated that recreation staff has also received this request and will look to set it up for the group.

Mayor Cabrera asked about what senior programs are offered by Crest Recreation. Brian Cunniff stated that there are exercise classes four mornings per week designed for men and women age 50 and older. Brian added that water aerobics classes, which features mostly senior citizen attendees, are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the pool. Brian added that there are groups of people that play cards and mahjong once per week at Crest Pier. Brian also added that pickleball has been catching on at Crest Pier, with more and more people playing each week. Frank Basile added that many seniors are also utilizing the fitness room.

Mayor Cabrera asked if the recreation department could possibly set up some kind of a class that helped senior citizens learn how to use smart phones. Could be taught by a tech person and maybe even college students who are tech savvy. How to use social media, etc. Zach Ruffo thought it might be a good idea.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the borough applied for county open space funding to improve amenities at Sunset Lake. Includes water stations, a kayak launch, a gazebo.

Mayor Cabrera added that other money would be sought to improve amenities at Scoop Taylor Park to make it handicapped accessible and more up to date. A second option would be to improve the playground at Sunrise Park.

Toni Fuscellaro said it seems like the playground at Washington Avenue is for young kids, Scoop Taylor Park for older kids and Sunrise Park middle of the road.

Mayor Cabrera said he thinks a pirate ship of some sort would look good and would work well at Scoop Taylor Park.

Mayor Cabrera added that a basketball shooting court, a playground for younger children, pickleball courts, a bocce court and a sitting area have all been discussed as possible additions at Sunrise Park.

Toni Fuscellaro asked about who handles the maintenance of the bathrooms at the Little League field. She said the floor always seems wet, as if there's some kind of a leak. She also stated that the bathrooms at Morey Field never seem to be open.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the maintenance of public bathrooms is an ongoing issue and he continues to try to develop better plans with DPW.

Toni Fuscellaro asked about Sunday open recreation. Frank Basile stated that it's termed family open recreation because it's for Crest residents only and that kids must be supervised by their parents. Frank stated the reason is because we don't have a lot of staff available on Sundays, with usually only one person working. However, Frank stated that he's never told staff to turn away kids. Frank stated that Sundays could possibly be turned into open recreation for Crest residents only.

Mayor Cabrera stated that April 13-14 will be Wellness Weekend in the Crest. Staff basketball games for employees Friday evening at Crest Pier, with a walk/run Saturday for employees and residents.

Mayor Cabrera said the borough will meet with renowned planner Roger Brooks on May 7 to help gain insight on how to possibly improve the business district along New Jersey Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm