

# **Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**Crest Pier Recreation Center**

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:10 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
	Toni Fuscellaro	present
	Bryan Vasti	present
	Salvatore Volpe	not present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Toni Fuscellaro made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2023 Recreation Commission meeting as presented. Bryan Vasti seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Frank Basile stated that winter programs such as the Island Tournament and South Shore basketball are complete. Grades K-2 indoor soccer about to finish before the end of the month. Much of focus now is on building rentals, such as condo meetings and special events. Special Olympics basketball will be in Crest Pier March 26-27. South Shore championship games were held in the building on March 11. Six games. Good event to bring people into the building. No issues. Hoping the league will consider building to host again next year.

Frank Basile stated that the Creative Arts Council's art competition will be held Friday, March 24. First event in the new Crest Arts Pavilion. Soft opening for the building. Grand opening will be held sometime in June.

Frank Basile stated there will be a grammar school dance this Saturday at the Crest Pier. Numbers have been lower than normal for recent dances. Could hold one more or this could be the last one until at least the fall.

Frank Basile stated that the open rec schedule and fitness room schedule have been cut back slightly due to staffing and usage.

Frank Basile stated that early registration for returning campers for Pier Playmates Day Camp for this summer is ongoing. Will close in three weeks. Call-in date for new campers is April 28. Crest residents get priority.

Frank Basile stated that summer basketball league registrations are coming in at a good pace. Many people registering earlier than normal.

Brian Cunniff stated that the police and Crest Memorial School are holding an event for children and their parents on March 22 at the Crest Pier.

Bryan Vasti asked if the concert schedule for this summer is filled. Brian Cunniff responded yes.

Frank Basile stated that merchandise sales will again fall under the recreation department as no private bidders came forward. Space will be dedicated to merchandise sales at the new Crest Arts Pavilion. Some pop-up sales again this summer as well. Looking to get more quality and a larger variety of products.

Brian Cunniff added that the Crest Arts Pavilion will also serve as the tourism center.

Bryan Vasti commented that the building should get a lot of traffic. Mayor Cabrera stated that hopefully someone would be leasing out the concession stand. No bidders just yet.

Bryan Vasti asked if there was a full kitchen in the building. Brian Cunniff responded that equipment is needed.

Frank Basile commented that there are plans to hold events in the building Monday through Thursday evenings this summer.

Mayor Cabrera gave an update on the work at the tennis facility at Wisteria and Ocean. Eight permanent pickleball courts coming, with fencing to separate courts. Areas to hang belongings, new concrete and a shade structure on the outside, plus bike racks. Should be finished no later than sometime in May.

Mayor Cabrera stated that he hopes all Recreation Commission and Tourism Commission members can attend the grand opening event at the Crest Arts Pavilion on June 16. More info to come.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.