

# **Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**Crest Pier Recreation Center**

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:05 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
	Zach Ruffo	not present
	Salvatore Volpe	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 meeting held in November 2020. Tore Volpe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Cabrera announced that the upgrades to Sunrise Park are nearly complete. Waiting on an electrical permit to finish the work. New playground equipment has been installed, and surfacing and landscaping work are being finished. A grand opening will be held sometime in June.

Mayor Cabrera announced that upgrades to Scoop Taylor Park are set to begin next month and should be in place prior to summer season. New playground equipment, new landscaping and a shade structure. Much of project paid for by NJDCA ADA grant.

Mayor Cabrera announced that funding for renovations of the old library building is in place. \$1.6 million project -- \$400K paid for through ADA grant and the rest funded by canceled bond appropriations going back to 2009. No additional cost to taxpayers. Plans are online on borough website.

Regarding the New Jersey Avenue project, Mayor Cabrera announced that the borough is finishing conversations with the county in an effort to determine specific costs. He added that he'd like to have another stakeholder meeting in May. Wildwood Linen has found another property to move to in Rio Grande. The borough, along with Cape May County, Middle Township and the state, could assist with that move.

Mayor Cabrera said the borough is awaiting a CAFRA permit for beach bump-out work. New decks with ramps going down to the beach. DPW will made all new wooden walkways that extend another 120 feet toward the ocean. Will also replace bad walkways. Project will be done in house. Keeps a more natural look.

Mayor Cabrera said the borough has executed a change order to the Pacific Avenue project to upgrade the parking lot at Von Savage Pool. Fix cracking and resurface. Work should take about two weeks. Those using the pool will have to park on side streets while work is being completed.

Frank Basile stated that in addition to work at Scoop Taylor Park, a company will be coming in to fix cracks at the tennis courts. Surfacing at Scoop Taylor Park basketball courts to match the themes around the borough. Will be made more blue. There have been some safety issues with settlement so this work should address that. Mayor Cabrera said money has been set aside to get this work done outside the playground project at the park.

Frank Basile stated that information about day camp is set to go out tomorrow. Moving forward with plans to have either traditional Pier Playmates or the Outdoor Explorers program. Whatever program is held, it will be eight weeks like in past years. Hoping to be able to staff it as usual. Pre-K and K may not be included due to mask restrictions with COVID pandemic. Past campers will have first priority.

Frank Basile stated that the Islander boys basketball travel program is up and going. Two teams at each level for a total of six teams. Fans will be permitted at games beginning next weekend – two parents for home teams, one parent for away teams. Live video will be shown on Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center Facebook page for all games. League ends in mid March. No playoffs. Frank added that today would've been the first day of the Island Tournament. Cannot hold that event due to pandemic restrictions.

Frank Basile added that state guidelines now say we can be at 35 percent capacity in the Crest Pier. We're getting nowhere close to that number by limiting access to borough residents only at this time. Fitness room is by appointment only and no more than three people can be in the room at once.

Mayor Cabrera said a contract I about to be awarded to build new dugouts and snack bar at the Little League Field. Much of the work to be covered by insurance after last summer's storm. Tore Volpe asked about additional upgrades. Mayor Cabrera said that is not part of this project but will be done down the line. Goal now is to get the field usable for this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

