

# **Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

**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
	Bryan Vasti	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 last Recreation Commission meeting. Bryan Vasti seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Frank Basile stated that he is happy to report that a lot of things are going on right now compared to the last couple of years due to COVID. With less restrictions, we have tumbling classes about to start and we are about to begin taking registration for K-2 indoor soccer. Soccer registration will be limited to 48 kids, island residents only. Filling with Crest residents first, then opening the league to others. Will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in March.

Frank Basile stated that the mailer for returning Pier Playmates Day Camp campers will go out March 1. Campers from 2021 will have five weeks to register and secure their spot for 2022 camp. Open registration will begin May 6 with the same process as before – phone registration. Pre-K will not be held again this year due to staffing issues and a lack of available room in the building. Kindergarten will return. Frank added that, as usual, Crest residents will be accommodated as much as possible.

Tori Volpe asked about the number of kids in camp. Frank replied that it'll be around 140 this summer.

Toni Fuscellaro asked about the staff. Frank stated that the camp hires 18 and older only, with most in an education career or studying education in college. The camp will hire 16- or 17-year-olds only if those applicants attended the camp.

Frank Basile stated that wages need to go up. Some staff members were only at \$12 per hour last summer. The eventual \$15 minimum wage will force the camp to raise wages to \$14-15 an hour for this summer.

Frank Basile added that due to snow days for schools the actual start date of the camp has yet to be determined.

Mayor Cabrera asked if the staff will be the same this summer. Frank responded that many of last year's staff members are expected to return.

Frank Basile said the grammar school basketball Island Tournament will return after not being held last year. Skills Competition is also returning. He added that there will be no Island Tournament dance but that the Crest Pier will look to have one or two dances before the school year is over.

Frank Basile stated that building rentals are beginning to return. Special Olympics basketball is back at the end of March. Cape May Tech will hold its after prom in mid May and the volleyball organization is expected back in May. Also waiting on if the Battle of the Bands weekend will be held in early May. If so, rentals will also come through that event.

Bryan Vasti asked about the food truck events for this summer. Brian Cunniff stated that they will be returning but will be moved from Sunset Lake to Centennial Park. Dates are July 10, July 24 and Aug. 7.

Brian Cunniff stated that a new free fitness program called "Walking Wednesdays" is in the beginning stages. Light aerobics class for 30 minutes. Free.

Tori Volpe asked if low speed vehicles could be charged a fee for parking/charging and have that money go to the Rec Commission. Frank Basile stated it would most likely have to go to the borough's general fund if such a program was put in place.

Mayor Cabrera said the borough is working on an ordinance in regard to electric vehicles and charging stations. Golf carts being reviewed internally. More golf cart parking could be created at street ends.

Bryan Vasti asked about the process of booking bands for the summer. Is it the same acts every year? Brian Cunniff stated that some do return but that we also mix up the lineup a bit by bringing in 6-7 new ones each summer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.