

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, January 12, 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	not present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Frank Basile stated he and the borough CFO met with the Creative Arts Council about the new Create in the Crest Arts Festival set for Saturday, June 18. Went over details on guidelines on vendors. Event to be held at Centennial Park, 10 am to 2 pm. Will be run through Recreation Commission.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Pier is open every day for the next few months. Sunday hours are now back in place and will continue through at least March. Sunday is family day. Kinds must be accompanied by an adult.

Frank Basile stated that morning fitness classes held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday have been doing well. The Hip Hop dance aerobics has not been doing as well, getting 4-6 participants each class. Trying to market the class better to gain more interest. Brian Cunniff added that a free Walking Wednesdays program is set to begin Feb. 2 at 9 am.

Frank Basile stated that the Islander boys basketball program is going well. Four teams playing in three different age groups. First home games are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17. Wildwood Rec is running arena football and indoor soccer. We will run our indoor soccer program for grades K-2 in March.

Frank Basile stated that the game room at Crest Pier is up and going, with a lot of different activities available. Will be looking to add some more video games, which will also help for day camp in the summer.

Frank Basile stated the Crest Pier fitness room has been open since early October. Room is now open at 8:30 am Monday through Saturday on a trial basis to see how much interest there may be for an earlier start time. Not many taking advantage but the plan is to remain opening at the earlier hour. Fitness room is open to Crest residents only and is free.

Frank Basile stated that the grammar school basketball Island Tournament is now scheduled for Feb. 23-27. Will be different than was in past. Some schools have no JV teams. Skills Competition up in the air due to COVID restrictions. Thinking about how to run the event differently.

Brian Cunniff stated that the building was decorated extensively for the holidays. Staff member Jim Foglia set up his own train display on his own time. Brian added that the holiday lights walk in late December drew about 60-70 people and that the holiday tree decorating drew about 250 people. Both events went very well.

Brian Cunniff stated that we're looking to bring back the children's gymnastics program. Instructor Amanda Holland now is on her own because her main helper is not available this year. She's seeing what she can do. Toni Fuscellaro asked if maybe a high school student or two could volunteer to help and get service hours for it.

Bryan Vasti asked if a senior graduating high school this year can play in the Crest summer basketball league. Frank Basile responded no, explaining that the level is based on what grade the person is entering in the fall. Brian Cunniff added that high school graduates can play in the men's league in North Wildwood.

Bryan Vasti asked about who handles the striping on the bike path. Mayor Cabrera responded that there is a plan to sand blast what's on there now and redo it. Don said the borough will need a CAFRA permit to redo the bike path – spruce up landscaping, add more color. Can't widen it but make it more inviting.

Mayor Cabrera said the project to renovate the old library building should start soon, now that the contract has been awarded. Hopefully will be done by the end of May or in early June. Building is structurally sound. Outside will include fire pits and a garden, with parking on north and south sides. Crest merchandise sales to be held there. Building to include environmental arts program, historical element and retail for perhaps a coffee shop. Also will include ADA accessible bathrooms. Weddings could be held in building. Multi-purpose use. Will be good for public use since Crest Pier basically shuts down for the summer due to day camp. Recreational programs could shift to that building.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the gazebo structure for Scoop Taylor Park is due to be installed in late January. He added that the Little League field is under construction with a new dugout being built along with a new press box and restrooms. Money has been put in for fencing and more money will be put in for new lights.

Mayor Cabrera said a future borough project will be to replace the pool at the roof and resurface the pool. Neck decks and new mechanicals.

Frank Basile stated that pool and day camp fees are due to increase in March, in an effort to help offset salary increases due to the increase in the minimum wage.

Mayor Cabrera stated that Lara Farrall worked on an application for the Crest to be recognized as a “Healthy Town” again through the statewide Mayors Wellness Campaign. Borough won in 2020, hope to win again for 2021.

Toni Fuscellaro asked about Crest Pier possibly running a “Tot Time” program for parents and toddlers like North Wildwood does. Brian Cunniff stated that he tried a similar program more than 10 years ago but it did not get much interest. Brian added that staff member Nick Holland had recently mentioned something about trying such a program in the near future. We will keep everyone posted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.