

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, January 11, 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	not present
	Bryan Vasti	present
	Salvatore Volpe	present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Tore Volpe made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Recreation Commission meeting as presented. Bryan Vasti seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Cabrera informed the members that there is a problem with the surfacing at the splash pad at Sunrise Park. Warranty has expired. Borough is applying for a grant to help pay for repairs.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the four tennis courts on the east side of the tennis facility at Wisteria and Ocean are being converted to permanent pickleball courts. Should be ready prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Cabrera stated that some upgrades will take place at the Von Savage Pool later this year – pool roof, resurfacing, pool decking repairs, etc. Tentatively scheduled for August. Building will be closed for about two months.

Mayor Cabrera mentioned the passing of former longtime recreation employee Jack Buchanan. Ran many of the programs and leagues for the Crest Pier. Passed away last year at age 92. Was also heavily involved with the Greater Wildwood Little League. Mayor Cabrera stated some members of the public have asked about honoring Mr. Buchanan. He said he'd like to see the south side outdoor basketball courts at Scoop Taylor Park named for Jack Buchanan. Would erect a small sign near or on the scoreboard or fence. Frank

Basile suggested perhaps dedicating both courts and naming them Buchanan Courts. Mayor Cabrera suggested Jack Buchanan Courts at Scoop Taylor Park. Tore Volpe and Bryan Vasti each recommended that the borough move forward with such a plan.

Frank Basile said the Knights of Columbus organization is holding its annual free throw contest on Sunday 1/22 at Wildwood Catholic Academy. Details are available on a flyer in the Crest Pier lobby.

Frank Basile stated that the first grammar school dance was held Saturday 1/7 and that it went well. Tore Volpe asked how many kids attended. Frank responded that it was about 90. Another will be held 1/21.

Frank Basile announced that the three Wildwood Islanders South Shore Basketball teams will be playing home games on MLK Day at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Pier has been open seven days per week over the recent months, including holidays. A very successful charity run for the TJ Hunt Foundation was held on Thanksgiving morning out of Crest Pier as well. Building was even open on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day. Not a lot of attendance on those days. Not sure if building will open those days in 2023. The goal is to be open as many days as we can. Will be closed for most of September this year for extensive maintenance work, including gym floors, restrooms and painting.

Frank Basile stated that the adult fitness program is on a short hiatus due to the instructor being out for a medical issue. Should return to normal in a couple of weeks.

Brian Cunniff announced that work continues at the Little League field. New lights and fencing have been installed. Infield cutout being worked on now. Tore Volpe asked about possibly adding netting behind the right field fence. Brian said that it has been discussed and could be done in the future but not at this time.

Bryan Vasti asked how is responsible for maintenance of the bike path. Mayor Cabrera responded that DPW handles it. Bryan Vasti said the path needs to be restriped. Mayor Cabrera said there is an application to the state to upgrade the bike path – more landscaping, foot showers, benches and widening of beach access ramps. All in the hands of CAFRA.

Tore Volpe asked when the Creative Arts Pavilion would be finished. Mayor Cabrera stated that electrical parts should be finished soon. First event there will be at the end of March. Soft opening for art contest. Borough looking for bids on food/beverage area. Recreation will handle merchandise. Tore Volpe asked if the building would be available for rent for this summer. Mayor Cabrera stated that that is the goal.

Brian Cunniff informed the members that the two new digital signs at Crest Pier are now operational. Some electrical issues with the one on Ocean Avenue. Will look to fix soon.

Bryan Vasti asked about the procedure for getting the building open when there's snow. Brian Cunniff stated that we're usually open by around 11 am or noon. Gives staff time to shovel the walkways and deck and allows for DPW to plow the parking lot. Frank Basile added that we do our best to open the building. Very rarely completely close for snow, unless storm is enormous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.