

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, March 16, 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 as presented. Bryan Vasti seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Frank Basile announced that Wildwood Crest was recently designated as a Healthy Town through the statewide Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Brian Cunniff added that the Crest is one of just two communities in South Jersey honored. Frank Basile added that the Crest MWC is currently holding a 100-mile virtual challenge through the month of March and that a lot of people are involved.

Bryan Vasti said the Healthy Town designation is a great honor for us. He then asked if we were holding the Mayor's Wellness Walk this spring. Mayor Cabrera responded that the event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

Frank Basile stated that the Health and Wellness Expo will return on Thursday, June 16 at Crest Pier. Event not held each of the last two years due to the pandemic.

Frank Basile stated that the tumbling and gymnastics program is up and going PreK through grade 2. There are 10 to 15 kids in each of the two classes.

Frank Basile said the K-2 indoor soccer league is filled. Lots of kids playing. We gave Crest Memorial kids first chance to register, then opened it to the rest of the island. Four teams with about 12 players each. Games twice per week through the end of the month.

Frank Basile said the South Shore League basketball championships were held I the Crest Pier last weekend. Good event to host. We get some kitchen revenue out of it.

Frank Basile said the first grammar school dance in a few years was held last Saturday. Great to see the kids in the building. About 130 kids here. Toni Fuscellaro commented that that's a lot of kids and that it's good to see them get the chance to go to one. Frank added that another is scheduled for March 25 and that another will probably be held in April.

Brian Cunniff stated that the state championships for Special Olympics basketball are returning March 26-27 for the first time in three years. Frank Basile added that we're waiting to hear on the volleyball tournament tentatively scheduled for May. He also said he's waiting to hear about the battle of the bands weekend.

Frank Basile stated that a new free fitness program called "Walking Wednesdays" has begun and is doing well. A half hour on Wednesday mornings. Light aerobics. The paid adult fitness classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are doing well. Frank also added that the aqua flow water aerobics has finally returned to the pool and is being held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Attendance has been decent. Tore Volpe commented that the Dolphin swim program at the pool is excellent.

Frank Basile stated that he's getting nervous over being able to hire help for day camp. We have ads running. Right now there are nine openings.

Brian Cunniff stated that the gazebo has finally benn installed at Scoop Taylor Park.

Tore Volpe asked about the fences at the Little League fields. Mayor Cabrera stated that there are plans to replace but that it may not happen before this season. He added that new batting cages are coming as well.

Brian Cunniff stated that we have an idea to have a family dance night in the summer at Centennial Park, with the possibility of bringing in DJ Slice. Bryan Vasti said he believes this is a great idea and that people will come.

Mayor Cabrera gave an update on the old library project. Borough has submitted an open space application. Right now name is Crest Arts Pavilion. Botanical gardens outside. Bike racks, connectivity off bike path. Large pieces of art, similar to the bike statue at Rambler Road. Exterior and interior about 50 percent complete. July 1 tentative opening date.

Borough needs to come up with bid specs for merchandise.

Bryan Vasti asked what exactly would be inside.

Mayor Cabrera responded that the building will include ADA accessible public restrooms, coffee shop, merchandise sales, meeting room. Crest historical artifacts displayed throughout. Could be used for weddings and other large gatherings. Building will open to a great lawn area with the botanical gardens and fire pits. Entertainment outside could be a possibility. Recreation department will run the facility.

Meeting adjourned 6:11 pm.