

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Crest Pier Recreation Center

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:04 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	not present
	James Grauel	not present
	Toni Fuscellaro	present
	Zach Ruffo	present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Zach Ruffo made a motion to accept the minutes of the last recreation commission meeting in March. Toni Fuscellaro seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

The members discussed the possibility of the Crest allowing one alcohol consumption license, should a referendum pass.

Toni Fuscellaro believes this is a great idea and believes this is the direction the Crest needs to go. She said she understands that people like the Crest quiet. But a consumption license granted for a restaurant in the business district would be a centralized location, accessible by bike by every person in Wildwood Crest. Right now, she believes there is no place to go in the Crest and that businesses can't thrive here. She also believes the hotels would greatly benefit.

Zach Ruffo believes having the ability to sell alcohol is more enticing for the hotels. He said this could be the tip of the iceberg but could also be opening Pandora's box. He believes residents and second homeowners like having the Crest as a dry town.

Toni added that she believes the ability to sell alcohol will help promote business and special events, as long as it is limited in scope and highly regulated. She added that Diamond Beach has lost the Brine and Marie Nicole's restaurants in recent years and that there aren't many dining options in the area.

Frank Basile stated that meetings have been held for the parents of new campers for Pier Playmates Day Camp. The camp is sold out.

Brian Cunniff stated that the Crest Pier is hosting youth girls volleyball tournaments hosted by Powerzone Volleyball over each of the next two weekends. The tournament is also using Lower Cape May Regional. Frank Basile stated that hopefully everything goes well and the organization wants to come back each week.

Frank added that between volleyball and AAU basketball, there are events in the Crest Pier every weekend through late June except Memorial Day weekend and the first weekend in June.

Frank Basile stated that the summer basketball leagues for grades 3-5 and grades 6-8 have been adjusted to allow for girls to register. Leagues are now coed. Registration has been steady.

Frank Basile said yoga restarted in the spring and has been held Monday evenings. The startup of the program has been good.

Frank Basile stated that Laura Farrall has been hired fulltime as a recreation aide. She will be handling wellness and fitness programs, as well as assisting in special events and tourism activities. Laura had already been working here for years as a fitness instructor. Frank stated that Laura organized a weekly wellness lecture series at Crest Pier that has been well attended.

Frank Basile stated that the bleachers in the gymnasium will be looked at by a professional company to see if repairs are needed. He also stated that a company will be looking at the backboard on the west side of the gym. The pulley system to raise and lower the backboard is broken.

Brian Cunniff stated that Crest Recreation is currently involved in a health and wellness poster contest through Crest Memorial School. Students will make artwork reflecting their vision of health and wellness in the Crest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.