

Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 12, 2020

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	not present
	Toni Fuscellaro	present
	Zach Ruffo	not 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 meeting held in February 2020. Tore Vople seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Pier Recreation Center has been open in a limited capacity (up to 25 people at once) since early October. Today was the busiest it's been. Building is open for Crest residents only for the time being. Many COVID procedures are in place – waiver form, temperature checks, sign in and sign out. Staff is taking reservations for fitness room use. One-hour time limit. Building is open at usual times and recreation staff intends on continuing that.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Recreation Department hosted some fall programs. Cross country program for grades 5-8 took the place of the programs usually run by the schools. Numbers were consistently in 20s. Held a few meets against each other and one against the Wildwood school club team. Cheer/dance program is still ongoing. We're in a two-week hiatus with that program to coincide with the Crest Memorial quarantine. Program will finish in early December. Almost all of the early classes for this program were held outside.

Toni Fuscellaro stated that it was good to be able to offer some programs for the kids at this time.

Tore Volpe asked if masks needed to be worn when people are playing in the gymnasium. Brian Cunniff stated that, yes, this is a requirement at this time.

Frank Basile stated that attendance inside the Crest Pier has been low due to the good fall weather. Expecting more people to come back as the weather gets cooler. Frank added that the building is clean and in good condition. Using a bio blaster in the weight room every two days and in other areas intermittently.

Tore Volpe asked if the recreation department was following state regulations. Frank Basile answered yes, but with some tweaks. Frank added that the state has been setting some requirements but in many instances is only offering recommendations. We have been tailoring the guidelines to fit our programs and building use.

Frank Basile added that some people have expressed disdain for wearing masks when working out so they have chosen not to use the building at this time.

Frank Basile said that recreation staff is currently in process of rewriting guidelines for the pool, which will ease some of the restrictions.

Frank Basile added that we will do our best to keep the building open.

Frank Basile stated that Laura Farrall has been holding her seniors fitness class three days per week. Mostly outside due to good weather, only indoors when needed. Attendees are wearing masks when the class is indoors. Laura has also been holding wellness walks each Saturday morning and will continue doing so as long as people are interest. Interest has been good with that program. Frank added that about 60 people attended the recent Mayor's Wellness Walk on Oct. 24.

Frank Basile stated that the Scoop Taylor grammar school basketball tournament will not be held in December as usual. Will look to have in January or later. Also does not look for Island Tournament since Wildwood Catholic Academy is not playing winter sports and that there have been some reports that Margaret Mace may not be, either.

Frank Basile and Brian Cunniff both stated that basketball season at all levels may be pushed back to an after the holidays start.

Brian Cunniff gave an update on the South Shore recreation basketball league. He attended a league meeting held during the last week of October. League is very much up in the air. Brian stated that only the Islanders/Sharks, Lower Township and Middle Township seemed somewhat equipped to move forward at this time. Some programs seem to be a long way from getting organized. Some programs have issues with access to facilities. Those in attendance at the meeting agreed that the league should begin no earlier than the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend in mid January in order to give programs a better chance at being able to move forward at that time. Brian said another meeting was scheduled for Nov. 24 and that more may be known at that time.

Brian Cunniff stated that Wildwood Catholic Academy has informally inquired about possibly using the Crest Pier Recreation Center for practices and/or games since the St. Ann's gymnasium site is in the process of being sold. Brian told the WCA athletic director that any availability would be extremely limited due to se by Islander South Shore teams and Crest Memorial School teams.

Brian Cunniff updated the members on the status of the Little League Field with respect to the damage suffered by the storm over the summer. Improvements are coming but there's a chance the field may not be ready by March. The borough and its engineer will do their best to expediate the work.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.