

# Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024

Crest Pier Recreation Center

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:01 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
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor	present

A quorum is present.

Brian Cunniff introduced and welcomed Natalie DeFelice as the newest member of the Recreation Commission.

Toni Fuscellaro made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 2024 meeting of the Recreation Commission as presented. Bryan Vasti seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Frank Basile stated that a children's sewing club program that the recreation department was trying to get going again is on hold. Haven't heard back from the instructor, who recently opened a restaurant and is very busy. Frank said we will now look to bring that program back in the spring. Frank added that the program had a good following previously so we're confident we can get it going again.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Arts Pavilion will host the Christmas Holiday Mini Tree Jubilee at the Crest Arts Pavilion on Dec. 8. A few people have already picked up trees for decorating. He added that the community Christmas tree is due to be put back up at the Rambler Road beach for the holiday season.

Frank Basile stated that Russ Simmons is going to hold a children's art program on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 and that it is sold out already. Brian Cunniff added that this is a free program thanks to the Cape May County Art and History Re-Grant Program. Brian added that hopefully we can get more of these programs going in 2025 if the borough receives the grant again. He added that Russ is a very good teacher of art to children.

Frank Basile stated that the Crest Arts Pavilion is open 9-2 each day except Sunday. Merchandise still being sold. Brian Cunniff added that some groups have been coming in to play cards and Mahjong each week consistently. Also some small meetings, upcoming lectures planned and the artist of the month.

Frank Basile stated that Bill Cripps of Crest EMS will host a File of Life seminar tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 14, in conjunction with the AARP meeting at Crest Pier.

Frank Basile stated that the adult fitness classes held three days per week and the free Walking Wednesday classes have been doing well. Number of participants has been up. He also added that the Kids Play Tot Time

on Wednesday mornings is also getting good attendance and that the pickleball players are starting to come back now that the weather has turned colder. Also starting to get a lot of kids in the building in the afternoon and evening now that basketball season is approaching.

Frank Basile added that the Islanders travel basketball program registration ends this week and that tryouts will be held soon. Coaches are as follows: Bobby Mulholland for grades 3-4, Adrienne Ricci was grades 5-6 and Jared DeGroff for grades 7-8.

Frank Basile added that the Scoop Taylor Tip-Off Classic grammar school basketball tournament will be held Dec. 6-15 at Crest Pier.

Frank Basile said that the Latin Pump fitness class on Wednesday evenings has been doing just OK. Some consistent attendees but the numbers aren't where we'd like them.

Brian Cunniff stated that the T.J. Hunt Memorial Foundation 5K Turkey Trot will be staged out the Crest Pier on Thanksgiving morning.

Brian Cunniff stated that the recreation department hosted a Science Heroes Halloween-themed program for children at the Crest Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Oct. 19. Was free to attend and about 17 to 20 children attended.

Frank Basile stated that the agreement for Crest Memorial School to hold basketball practices at the Crest Pier has been signed.

Bryan Vasti asked when the summer concert series is booked. Brian Cunniff said that process began a few weeks ago and is ongoing.

Mayor Cabrera stated that a new blue metal roof is being installed to the hut and Scoop Taylor Park and to the storage hut at the tennis/pickleball facility at Wisteria and Ocean. Work should be complete soon. He added that new ADA accessible restrooms are scheduled for next year at the Crest Pier. A grant has also been applied for to do the same at the Von Savage Pool in 2026.

Mayor Cabrera said improvements are planned for a shade structure at Sunrise Park and to the Little League field's batting cages.

Mayor Cabrera said the borough's annual holiday tree-lighting event will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Sunset Lake.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the borough is still looking for volunteers for a committee to help plan events for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's independence in 2026. Looking to hold events and programs.

Mayor Cabrera said much of the live music has been funded by the TDC but that he may reach out to GWTIDA to help fund. Perhaps they can kick back more money to the borough. He'd also like to explore the possibility of local businesses helping fund the live music through donations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.