

# **Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Commission**

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

**Crest Pier Recreation Center**

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 5:08 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 September. Toni Fuscellaro seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Cunniff informed the members about the tree lighting ceremony scheduled for Dec. 3 at Sunset Lake. Toni Fuscellaro commented that she thinks this is a great idea. Has been talked about for a few years and it's great to see that it's happening. Frank Basile commented that he expects the event to go off well if the weather cooperates.

Frank Basile stated that the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Scoop Taylor Tip-Off Classic grammar school basketball tournament is scheduled to begin Dec. 5 or 6 and will run through Dec. 15 at Crest Pier. The tournament will include boys and girls teams from grades 3 through 8.

Frank Basile stated that the recreation department is currently accepting registrations for a new recreation basketball league for grades 3-5 and graded 6-8. League would be coed. Frank added that Crest Recreation used to hold clinics for grades 3-5 but that they haven't been as well received as in the past. Seems like kids and parents simply want leagues. Leagues would be played Sunday afternoons in January and February if there's enough interest to form.

Frank said these leagues could be a good option for kids that might get cut from their school teams. Frank added that a minimum of 28 kids would need to register for each league in order for it to go. Optimally, he'd like to see around 36 kids sign up for each. The deadline for registration is Dec. 23.

Toni Fuscellaro said she's happy to see Crest Recreation trying to offer this kind of recreation league.

Frank Basile stated that tryouts for the Wildwood Islander boys travel basketball teams for grades 3-4, grades 5-6 and grades 7-8 are scheduled for this month. Frank said there are about 40 island kids involved. Program is run jointly by Crest Recreation and Wildwood Recreation. Most practices and home games are held at Crest Pier. Teams play in South Shore League in January and February.

Frank Basile stated that staff member Laura Farrall coordinated a financial wellness two-part lecture series for this month. There was one last night with a financial planner from Crest Savings Bank that was not well attended. There is another scheduled for next Wednesday, Nov. 20. We will try to get the word out more to try to get better attendance. This will be the last wellness lecture of the year. Another series will be held in the spring.

Frank Basile stated that Crest Recreation is hosting yoga classes on Saturdays at 8 am and Zumba classes on Saturday at 9 am. Yoga attendance numbers have not been good but there was a bit of an uptick last weekend. He said we're still monitoring the program. Frank added that Laura Farrall's adult fitness classes held Monday through Thursday at 10 am have been doing well numbers-wise.

Toni Fuscellaro asked about the Trunk or Treat Halloween event held in late October in the Crest Pier parking lot. Frank Basile responded that 22 vehicles took part, as well as the Crest police, ambulance and borough hall staff. He added that the Women of Wildwood group supported the event very well again and that a group from the Cape May Dancers came as well and performed a routine. Monster Cone ice cream truck also came and gave out free ice cream. About 500 attended in all.

Frank and Brian Cunniff both stated that a decision will need to be made regarding the carriage ride. We're not getting the bang for the buck. Offered it free this year and still not many people took advantage. Somewhat expensive to book. Toni Fuscellaro added that she does not feel it's necessary, that the event is good enough without it. Kids and adults just want to do the Trunk or Treat part.

Brian Cunniff said he felt this was the best Trunk or Treat we've ever had, considering the vehicle and borough staff participation and the attendance. Zach Ruffo said he thought everyone had a great time at the event.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.