

Approved March 11, 2024

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
CALLED TO ORDER**

I. ROLL CALL: Melissa Garden, Chad Coleman, Glen Anderson, Michael Greeley, Gia Alvarez, Jamie, Cannon, Carol Roux, Jamie Corsair-Council Liaison

ABSENT: David Reichel, Nahuel Quiroga, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison

II. MINUTES: December 12, 2023 **Mr. Anderson** motions to accept the minutes, **Mr. Coleman** seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

Oath of Office administered to Melissa Garden & Chad Coleman

Reorganization voting on Chair and Vice Chair

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

IV. AUDIENCE:

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jamie explains the board members responsibilities and rules of board to the new members.

- 1. Winter Indoor/Outdoor Programs: 450 winter programs 400 winter events Visit with Santa SMORES tables**
 - Flag Football Clinic-**Ms.Cannon reports **(40)** 3 groups (split into different teams) outdoors on Geissinger Field. Clinic is run by parent volunteer coaches. Popular program that is training for kids who possibly want to join Fall Football. Melissa states the NFL has a flag program. Football registration will begin in February. Gia asks if we will be merging **Jamie merging is very hard when we did parents did not want to travel to another town.** Melissa what about Cresskill, Jamie Cresskill is already with Closter. A discussion ensued.
 - Craft Club (grab and go crafts):** Ms. Cannon states reservations are maxed out for the entire calendar \$5 per craft-pick up in the McCandless Room
 - Variety of new programs: coding class, red hot robotics SEL class**
Melissa asks for coding for adults
- 2. Wrestling:** Ms. Cannon reports the team consists of about 30 wrestlers. The season consists of volunteer coaches and paid clinics by Red Nose Wrestling. The 1st match was held this past weekend. Mr. Greeley states vibrant program for the numbers we have volunteer coaches well engaged

17 4th-8th 1st home meet was very successful. Wrestlers did well feeder program always a building year. Always have new wrestlers. No experience at all perform well. 4 girl wrestlers and 1 8th grade girl.

Numbers are problematic to match up wrestlers with other teams.

We may have to merge with another town. Jamie Corsair maybe high school wrestlers can talk to elementary kids to recruit. Chad is wrestling offered in physical education class, or is there a club in the elementary schools. Mr.

Greeley no it is not in the curriculum, you need correct wrestling mats.

Melissa parents need to see that the sport is safe. A discussion ensued.

3. **Spring Sports:** Ms. Cannon reports registration is currently open for Recreation Spring sports (Girls Softball grades 1st-6th currently has 70 registered , Boys Lacrosse League has 50 players & Girls Lacrosse League has 60 players) Girls are doing very well and learning this is their year. Chad what is the K-2 situation Jamie registration hasn't started yet if the 2nd grader is good they can play up. Jamie Corsair can a paid trainer be hired to train the kids, Jamie we have trainers for the girls. It is hard to find a trainer during the season. We are recreation we have volunteer coaches. Jamie Corsair she has someone who can train. Spring programs registration February 26th Jamie Corsair we should try to include the girls in Lacrosse Day. Jamie maybe one of the girls teams could play 7th 8th grade. Mr. Greeley states there is a rowing team at Overpeck park.
4. **Co-Sponsorship Policies:** Review policies for new members/council liaison Jamie explained co-sponsorship to new members. A discussion ensued
5. **Teen Center:** Ms. Cannon reports painting the center was put in the Capital budget for 2024, new couches will be ordered, updated TVs, seating, etc. We have done some small renovations we have had some events. Jamie Corsair are you interested in a free mural, the art studio in towns students. It is very busy. Camp is 6th-10th grade Reckys is K-6th the 6th graders are too old want to have Reckys K-5th Gia that would be in line with the School grades. A discussion ensued.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Department Vacancies:** Ms Cannon reports we are searching for a full-time Parks & Recreation Groundskeeper that is in charge of maintaining our fields and facilities. This position has been available since October 2022. -We are also seeking a part time Assistant Groundskeeper/office assistant to assist the FT Groundskeeper with field and facility maintenance Gia is it a salary issue. Jamie yes we are not competitive Melissa who do you go to for that. Jamie the Mayor and Council Mike there are many variables. Gia co-sponsored sports should pay a maintenance fee for field up keep. A discussion ensued.
-Interim Borough Administrator and HR are both no longer employed by the Borough, currently the positions are online for resumes to be submitted.

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2. **2024 Capital Budget:** Ms. Cannon reports she submitted Capital items and suggestions from Recreation Board to finance in December. Items included: Turf 75,000 over 5 years, truck had to scrap one, football helmets 2.500 Golf cart for events camp, splash pad recommendation from Rec board. Tennis court rebuild, cannot resurface anymore according to engineer 3 lighted courts 800,000-900,000. It will be transferred to DPW budget. Disc golf is not a capital budget item will be in operating budget. Mike would like to use land on top of Highwood Ave. approximately 15 acres. A discussion ensued.
3. Melissa asked about the Rec Center. Mike ask Mayor where we are if an ADHOC committee Melissa is interested.
4. Mobile Food Truck ordinance-Ms. Cannon we wanted to get one admin office will look into having this for all events not just Rec

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Committee Meeting Dates 2024** (*see dates attached*)
2. **Restrict reekys day camp to K-5 Gia motions Chad seconds the motion all in favor motion is carried.**
3. **Melissa \$330.00 for shirt sale.**

Mike emphasis on background checks, Englewood had a very bad situation that would have been flagged if background checks were done. We do everything the right way. Jamie we are going to make sure co-sponsored sports are following the rules

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. **Sweetheart Dance:** Friday, March 1st, 6pm-8pm-HS Cafeteria
2. **Recreation Committee Meeting:** Monday, March 11th @ 7:30pm-Wilson Room
3. **Mr. Greeley downtown committee Holiday Event was great. Jamie Corsair chamber of commerce bring chamber and rec together.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: