

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS  
AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD OCTOBER 13, 2021 – 7:00PM**

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**PRESENT:** Chairperson Nazzaro, Members: Barry, Boyajian, Broer (by phone), and Weiss

**ABSENT:** Members Burgis and Miao and Council Liaison Azzariti

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

**SUNSHINE LAW:** Chairperson Nazzaro read the Sunshine Law statement.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Weiss moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2021 seconded by Mr. Boyajian.

All in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

**NJ Crush FC**

Mondays - 3/28/22-6/13/22  
5 to 8 pm

Tuesdays – 3/29/22 – 6/14/22  
5 to 8 pm

Saturdays or Sundays – 4/2/22 – 6/5/22  
12 – 6 pm

Application was reviewed. Members expressed concern with the possibility of overuse of field and maintenance required to keep field in satisfactory condition. Also, it is believed that the applicant is a fee based entity.

Upon motion by Mr. Barry, with a second by Mr. Weiss, and all in favor, the application was **DENIED.**

Mr. Barry will contact the applicant tomorrow since he knows him and advise him of the denial.

**Saddle River Republican Club (SRRC)**

Saturday – 10/16/21  
10 am to 11:45 am

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Due to the short notice, the members previously voted on this application via email and it was **APPROVED**. Applicant notified.

**Cub Scout Pack 133 – Upper Saddle River**

Saturday – 11/13/21

9:30 am to 11:45 am

Chairperson Nazzaro reached out to Jeff Fiore (applicant for Northern Highlands Football and Cheer) since his organization was previously given permission to use the field on the date and time requested by the cub scout pack. Mr. Fiore said most likely his organization would not need the field on that day, and if he did, they would only start at 1:00 pm.

Upon motion by Mr. Boyajian, with a second by Mr. Broer, and all in favor, this application was **APPROVED** with the following conditions:

1. Use of football field only (soccer field is being used by another organization).
2. Please adhere to 11:45 am end time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion regarding the newly paved tennis courts. Some members have seen dogs that were fenced in the courts while the owners walked around the park.

Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator need to weigh in on who can use the courts (residents vs. non-residents). Chair Nazzaro will follow up with the Borough Attorney and ask his opinion.

Chair Nazzaro will follow up with DPW Superintendent Ken Konig regarding the tennis court sign.

Discussion ensued as to how, if possible, to restrict tennis court usage. Since it is believed that open grant funding was used, not sure if restrictions can apply.

Secretary Kirkpatrick will survey municipal clerks throughout the county and find out about their tennis court policies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Revised application form was discussed. Mr. Boyajian suggested removing "Tennis Courts" from the list of field requests and Chair Nazzaro suggested adding "Shelter Area".

Chair Nazzaro will revise the map sent to applicants so that the field areas and shelter area are more clearly defined.

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Going forward, organizations will be requested to provide accurate maps of their game schedules. Typically the organizations will request more field time than they need which prevents other organizations from having field use.

It must be remembered that granting local organizations field use is not a bad thing either.

Secretary Kirkpatrick will email current organizations in an attempt to obtain their actual schedule.

Regarding the fence at the ice pond, the vendor chosen is Emerson Fence. The proposal is \$3,695 for the replacement fence and an additional \$1,931 for the extension towards the right side which will be paid from the Parks and Rec budget.

Chair Nazzaro will check with DPW Superintendent Konig as to the estimated completion date.

(Mr. Broer left the meeting at 8:20 pm).

The members questioned whether there is power at the ice pond.

Mr. Barry performed research on water movement for the Ice Pond and shared his research with the group. He said that if a water flow system was implemented, it could possibly lead to stocking the pond with fish.

Regarding the memorial trees and plaques, the commission is waiting on the proposal from Scott Levy, Landscape Architect.

The 2022 budget was discussed. The commission would like the CFO to clarify what are capital items vs. operating items. Please provide examples.

The members thought of items that could be included with the 2022 budget request:

- Aeration System for Ice Pond
- Upgrading walkway around Rindlaub Field (ask engineer for recommendation for contractor)
- Fixing the bleacher base (by Field A)
- Refresh signage at the park
- Purchasing equipment boxes (or Knaack boxes) - ask for recommendations from teams that use the field
- Computer program for online field reservation

CFO Sue Hodgins needs the completed budget request by October 31, 2021.

**The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation will take place in February 2022.**

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At 8:7 pm, Mr. Barry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Boyajian, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kirkpatrick, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission