

**Township of Bloomfield
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2021 – 7:01PM
VIA ZOOM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Scurman requested all present to rise and salute the flag

2. ROLL CALL

P - Mr. Jenkins

P - Mr. Marek

P - Mr. Felix

P - Mr. Cantalupo

P - Ms. Estrela

P - Mrs. Francisco

AB - Mr. Gamble

P - Mrs. Hann

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P - Councilwoman Jenny Mundell

P - Councilman Ted Gamble

3. 2021 REORGANIZATION

1. Director Scurman stated he was nominated as temporary Chair. He then stated he would like to recognize their past Chairman Steve Jenkins to make his nomination for the position of Chairperson for 2021.
2. Committee Member Jenkins made a nomination to appoint Committee member Cantalupo for Chairperson. No other nominations, all present approved.
3. Director Scurman recognized John Marek to make a nomination for Vice-Chairperson. He nominated Barbara Francisco for the position of Vice-Chairwoman for 2021. No other nominations, all present approved.
4. Director Scurman stated at this time he would like a motion to appoint Michael Cantalupo as Chairman of the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee, and Barbara Francisco as the Vice-Chairwoman of the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee, seconded by Committee Member Jenkins. No discussions, and Director Scurman would like to do a roll call

ROLL CALL:

1. Committee Member Jenkins - Yes
2. Committee Member Felix – Yes
3. Committee Member Cantalupo – Yes
4. Committee Member Estrela – Yes
5. Committee Member Francisco – Yes
6. Committee Member Gamble – Absent
7. Committee Member Hann - Yes

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 19, 2020

Committee Member Marek made a motion to approve the November minutes, seconded by Committee Member Hann. All present approved unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATION

- A. Hearing of the Public – None
- B. Written – See Packet

6. REVIEW OF TREASURY BILL LISTS

Committee Member Cantalupo asked if the Committee had any questions, comments, or concerns about any of the items listed. No one had any questions, comments, or concerns.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Parks Report by Director – See Packet
- B. Sub-Committee Review – See Packet

8. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. 2021 Meeting Schedule – See Packet
 - 1. Committee Member Felix made a motion to accept the 2021 meeting schedule seconded by Committee Member Francisco. No one had any discussions, all in favor
- B. 2021 Recreation Fee List – See Packet
 - 1. Committee Member Marek made a motion to accept the 2021 recreation fee list, seconded by Committee Member Hann. No one had any discussions, all in favor
- C. 2021 Recreation Part Time Salary Guide – See Packet
 - 1. Committee Member Francisco made a motion to accept the 2021 meeting schedule, seconded by Committee Member Felix. No one had any discussions, all in favor
- D. 2021 Part Time Hiring Resolution – See Packet
- E. End of Year Report – Deferred
- F. Special Needs After Care Report – See Packet
- G. Winter Programming – Registration started 12/9/2020
 - 1. Director Scurman stated winter programming is going very well and started registration on December 12, and programs started the second week of January. He also stated they did not have to cancel any classes due to lack of participation, and many of the classes have reached their maximum.
- H. Basketball Registration – Currently registering
 - 1. Suburban Basketball – No Suburban Basketball
 - i. Director Scurman stated they are not able to have suburban league this year, they were willing and able to as well as Milburn, but they were the only 2 Communities that were able to get gym space in order to conduct a season.
 - 2. In town Basketball – 5th/6th – JV 7th/8th – Varsity
 - i. Director Scurman stated the home and school association canceled their 4th, 5th, and 6th grade league, so this year they

created a 5th and 6th grade jv level for both boys and girls, and a 7th and 8th grade varsity level for boys and girls. He then stated he is happy to report they have 4 varsity boys and girl's teams, and 2 jv boys and girl's teams with over 100 kids participating.

3. Intramural High School Basketball

- i. Director Scurman stated has 50 kids in it to date, and they start their evaluations this upcoming Saturday. There is a maximum of 60 spots with 10 spots still open, and there will be 6 teams of 8 and some teams will have 9.

4. Games can start 1/26/2021

I. Wrestling – Registration will start in Feb

1. Director Scurman stated wrestling is not canceled but it postponed until March 1st.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Financial Assistance Program – See Packet

B. Municipal Park Bench Donation Program – See Packet

C. Holiday Events

1. House Decorating, Gingerbread, Virtual Santa Claus

- i. Director Scurman stated the virtual Santa could not have gone any better than it did. The kids received a letter from Santa, art kits to color with while waiting to zoom with Santa. The gingerbread house making contest was set for 24 registrations and he stated he had to go back to Shoprite 3 more times to purchase more kits; there were over 80 participants. He then stated the house decoration contest they have been doing for some time and received positive feedback on that as well.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Free Little Library – Milbank Park

1. The committee reviewed the proposal to have a Little Free Library at Milbank Park and the committee agreed that the Community Garden Committee could move forward. Director Scurman stated he will be able to reach out to the chairperson Norm.

B. Senior Citizen Vaccine Transportation

1. Director Scurman stated at the request of the Mayor and Administrator he joined a zoom meeting with all of Essex County Township members that are involved in transportation and brainstormed about the vaccine. The Township of Bloomfield goes to the one in West Caldwell, which is a bit of a ride. He then stated they are working with the county to help get seniors to the facility and are hoping for the vaccine to come to the Community. He then stated he does have someone that is willing and able to drive, looking into Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The facility is open from 12 – 7pm and looking to get people there for 12 and 2pm. If they get inundated with the need for the service, then they can continue to do it on Saturdays with 2 vehicles for as long as need be. Director Scurman then stated he would like to recognize Dina, who was also on the meeting, for doing a great job with the transportation and

dealing with the seniors. She is his go to person when he needs drivers and puts something in place.

C. Bloomfield Quiz Show

1. Director Scurman stated they are working with the staff now that winter programs are up and running, they been toying and brainstorming. There is a platform where they can have gameshows and challenges with other residents, and they been looking into as well as more challenges.

D. Car Show Coloring Contest

1. Director Scurman stated last year the Bloomfield Cruisers and the BCA had a classic car show coloring contest and were able to buy and support some of the local businesses. They met with the BCA last week and are entertaining the idea of doing it again

E. (ADDED) - Councilwoman Mundell stated she is passing the torch of Council Liaison for this Committee on to Councilman Gamble whom she has the utmost faith in. She is taking on a couple more projects this year and she knows her limits, so she wanted to let the Committee know. One of which is building a Farmer's Market for Bloomfield, the other is deciding and working with the Community to decide what is happening with the Oaks Cultural Center.

11. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Felix. All present approved unanimously.