

Allentown Borough Board of Recreation Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 PM

This meeting is being held via Zoom

Board Members Participation

Present	Craig Rondinone (Chairperson)		
Absent	Diana Bamford (Secretary)	Present	Michael Drennan (Council Liaison)
Present	Michael Pleva (Assistant Chairperson)	Present	Rob Schmidt
Absent	Barbara Pleva (Green Team Rep)	Absent	Kelly Owens
		Present	Claudia Lilley



Call to Order by Chairperson Craig Rondinone at 7:05pm and the following statement was read

1. Salute to Flag
2. "In Compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of the meeting by posting a Notice in a public place and by transmitting a Notice to two newspapers, THE TIMES and the ASBURY PARK PRESS, as required by law."
3. Roll call was performed by Craig Rondinone
4. Minutes Review and Approval – Minutes from January 2022 meeting approved by all participants
5. Old Business
 - a. Michael Drennan confirmed that the 2022 budget for the Recreation Commission had not been officially finalized by the Allentown Council but would be later in March. He believed the Commission would get \$1,500.
 - b. Drennan told the Commission that \$2,400 earmarked for new backboards for the basketball courts at Farmers Park was no longer needed as they could not find ones that fit and DPW was able to clean up the ones currently there. He said that some of that allotted money could go towards replacing the backboards at Sara Barnes Park, which are also in need of repair.
6. New Business –
 - a. The Commission approved the permit for the Allentown Library's Story Walk at Heritage Park in March/April.
 - b. The Commission approved the permit for Wee-Play's music and movements classes at Heritage Park for March through November.
 - c. The Commission decided to wait to vote on the five permits from TAVI regarding their upcoming Daffodil Days week until TAVI provided more information on how they were handling having police, first aid, and/or port-a-potties for some of the events.
 - d. Mike Drennan said he had a meeting with Bill Cotte from the Environmental Commission regarding the lights being on at night at the court at Farmers Park. He said he would speak to DPW about having them shut off by a certain time each night.
7. NJ Devils Bus Trip –
 - a. Craig Rondinone told the Commission that the bus company that works with the NJ Devils would not travel to Allentown for a proposed trip due to the distance and the rising gas prices. Craig reached out to a local bus company, who quoted him a price between \$1,200 and \$1,700, depending on the month of the trip and how many passengers there would be.
 - b. Craig said that the average cost for 40 tickets for good upper-level seats would come close to \$2,000. The Commission decided to wait until the winter or early 2023 to have a bus trip as there would be more money in the budget after the Historic Allentown 5K happens in September.
8. Next Meeting – March 28, 2022
9. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.