

Newsletter

February 2006

Next Meeting,
February 28, 8 pm at the
Community Center

January Meeting Highlights

Present: Commission Members: T. Dennehy, T. Haynes, N. Healy, T. Mulligan, S. Patamia, R. Seifert
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Members: J. Doniloski

Public: Carl Ertle, Brian Jozwiak, Gary Sysyn, Tim Swanick

Chairman Patamia thanked Joe Bernabe and Mike Kelly who resigned as Recreation Commissioners. They will be greatly missed. Chairman Patamia welcomed two new Recreation Commissioners: Tom Haynes and Toni Dennehy.

Approval of November 29, 2005 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 29th meeting was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 12/31/05
2. Letter dated 1/20/06 from C. Johnson to the Randolph Health Department. All correspondence regarding the Rockaway Borough Concession stands should be addressed to C. Johnson at Town Hall.
3. Memo dated 1/11/06 from the Borough Clerk to the Recreation Commission. The proposal from DeAn-

gelo Brothers to maintain Donatoni Field is well in excess of the amount permitted. At least one other quotation must be solicited.

Public:

C. Ertle:

Congratulated T. Haynes and T. Dennehy on joining the Recreation Commission. They will be great additions. Asked permission to hold a Spring Soccer Program for first, second, third, fourth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls. Funding will come from the Soccer Budget. Fliers will be distributed thru the schools. Other grade levels will be accepted if someone who is Rutgers Certified volunteers to coach. He is reaching out to all fall coaches who want to form a teams).

Games will be held on Saturdays at Friendship Field for the lower levels. T. Mulligan and Brian Jozwiak are reaching out to the Fire Department to use Firemen's Field for the upper levels. Little League and Soccer will coordinate use of the fields. He stated that T. Mulligan has been a tremendous help. The program will run from April 15th thru the 1st week of June.

S. Patamia said that she doesn't want the program to impact spring sports or overuse Donatoni Field. C. Ertle responded that using Firemen's Field would not cause Donatoni Field to be overused this year.

Chairman/Director's Reports:

S. Patamia:

- Read the Resolution designating the 2006 meeting dates of the Recreation Commission. A motion to accept the resolution was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by R. Seifert. All in favor.

C. Johnson reported:

The Recreation Commission met with Mayor and Council to present the budget. She is waiting to see what happens with the funding. The current expense budget is lower than last year. A lot of things have been included in Buildings and Grounds and Capital. Some capital expenses monies are left over from last year. S. Patamia stated that they are looking into getting a Community Grant for handicap bathrooms at the lake and handicap access to the beach.

Additional parking spots at Smith Field were discussed. S. Patamia will set up a meeting with the town engineer. Additional fencing or netting will be needed.

Old Business:

S. Patamia discussed charging separate fees to non-residents participating in swimming and skiing. C. Johnson said we need additional swimmers to keep the program running. She said the fees should be left as is for now. It will be re-addressed at the next meeting.

T. Mulligan said residency should be confirmed before issuing a Recreation Card.

C. Johnson said a birth certificate should be presented to prove age for participating in the summer park program.

R. Seifert asked what is done if a family has difficulty paying for a Recreation Card. C. Johnson said there is a form to request a reduced price or a waiver of the fee. She will give Mr. Seifert a supply of the forms to keep at Thomas Jefferson School. Completed requests should be sent to C. Johnson.

New Business:

Chairman Patamia asked for a motion to approve the Spring Soccer Program. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

T. Dennehy asked if Friendship Field will be taken out for one season. C. Johnson responded that it will not happen this year. S. Patamia said it will happen after Donatoni Field is up and running. N. Healy said that Soccer should be forewarned in advance when Friendship Field will be taken off line.

C. Johnson discussed renting Donatoni Field to outside organizations, or if adult softball requests lights. What dollar amount to charge should be determined? N. Healy will find out what his town charges. C. Johnson said the cost of operating the lights will come from Buildings and Grounds. We will also need someone responsible for turning the lights on and off for events.

T. Mulligan reported that Kevin McDonald contacted him about running a summer baseball camp for one week at Thomas Jefferson Field.

C. Johnson said he needs to contact the school district and work with T. Mulligan to get fliers out. If he wants to use Smith Field or Donatoni Field he needs to ask the Recreation Commission.

N. Healy said a fee structure for renting fields is needed. T. Mulligan said the proper insurance will be needed.

The dedication of Donatoni Field has been changed to April 22.

S. Patamia said a committee should be formed to plan the dedication. T. Dennehy, T. Haynes and T. Mulligan volunteered to be on the committee. C. Johnson said someone from every sport should be on the committee. She will send E-mails out to all.

S. Patamia said the flag and sign are being donated. They are working on the museum and office. She is planning to sell pavers as a fundraiser. The official name for the Park has not been determined.

C. Johnson will get prices for netting, bleachers and benches.

S. Patamia said the parking needs to be addressed for the field dedication. T. Mulligan will reach out to someone at Weldon Asphalt about parking there and installing a path to the field. T. Dennehy suggested parking at Morris Hills High School and running a shuttle bus.

T. Haynes asked if the bathrooms will be ready. C. Johnson said that if the bathrooms are not ready, there will be port-a-johns.

S. Patamia said the Recreation Commissioners should think which sport they want to be a liaison to. T. Haynes said he will do football and T. Mulligan will do Little League.

Commissioner's Reports:

R. Seifert said the mats for Thomas Jefferson Gym have not been received. C. Johnson said she would look into it.

T. Mulligan reported that Little League held their third sign-up but he doesn't have the number yet. C. Johnson said she would post a notice on the Web Site for late signups.

Purchase Order #	Vendor	Account	Amount
13507	Innovative Playground Services	Playground	\$ 945.00
13587	Dezine Line	Wrestling	1,803.30
TOTAL			\$2,748.30