

Newsletter

February 2009

Next Meeting,

Feb 24th

8 pm

Community Center

January Meeting Highlights

Present:

Commission Members:

T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski, D.

Coleman S. Connington, T.

Haynes, S. Patamia

Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Recreation Secretary: D. Tan-

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Absent: N. Healy

Public: None

Oath of Office: New Recreation Commissioner, David Coleman recited his Oath of Office. He was welcomed by all.

Approval of November 25, 2008 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting was made by T.

Haynes and seconded by J.

Doniloski. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 1/23/09
- Resolution designating 2009 Meetings of the Recreation Commission.
- Letter dated 1/23/09 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Rockaway Rotary Club regarding Mayor and Council approval of a 5K race on 6/6/09.

- Memo to C. Johnson from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert regarding a Resolution adopted by Mayor and Council rejecting all bids submitted for the Donatoni Park basketball court.

A motion to accept all correspondence was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

A motion to accept the Resolution designating the 2009 Meetings of the Recreation Commission was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Public: None

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- The recreation budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 10:30.

J. Doniloski and T. Haynes said they would attend.

- Certificates of insurance are required for anything held at the schools. Notify C. Johnson prior to holding activity.

- She has the licenses

for the snack stands

- She asked the town engineer to look at the drainage problem at Donatoni Park.

S. Patamia reported:

- All sports should be reminded that all fliers must be presented to C. Johnson for approval before they are sent out.
- The Fire Department is looking for Recreation to reseed Firemen's Field in the fall. The field will be taken out of commission. They did not get any quotes as requested. Maintenance on the field is needed, but Recreation is not the only one using the field. This should be discussed at the budget meeting.

Old Business:

T. Dennehy presented the Dog Park Survey. After discussion, the Commissioners were asked to review it for next month's meeting.

J. Doniloski reported that the Holiday House decorating contest went very well. Eighteen houses entered the contest. Three gift certificates were handed out on Christmas Eve.

New Business:

S. Patamia said liaison assignments need to be selected, they are as follows:

- S. Connington: Baseball & Softball
- T. Haynes: Football, Cheerleading, and Wrestling
- T. Dennehy: Track
- D. Coleman: Babe Ruth
- J. Doniloski: Soccer
- N. Healy: Basketball

S. Patamia reported that the Rotary Club wants Recreation to work with them on an Easter Bunny Breakfast at Thomas Jefferson School on April 4th or 11th. This will be a fundraiser and the profits will be shared. All Commissioners present and the Recreation Director agreed to help.

S. Connington inquired about online registration for the sports. C. Johnson will look into it.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Haynes reported:

- The new Football officers are:
Vince Binkoski, President
Jen Renauer, VP, Rockaway Borough
Bob Norton, VP, Wharton
Curtis Anderson Treasurer
Open, Secretary

- Nominations were held for Football coaches.

S. Connington reported about Baseball and Softball:

- Opening day will be April 18. He asked if they could use the fence from Park Lake. C. Johnson said "Yes".
- 120 children have signed up. Another signup will be held this Saturday.

- A State softball tournament for 10-11 year olds will be held on August 10-13 at Donatoni Park.

- Baseball is willing to use their budget to hire Royal Lawns to seed and fertilize the small Donatoni Field and Smith Field. S. Patamia asked for a written proposal from Royal Lawns. C. Johnson said this should be discussed at the budget meeting with Mayor and Council.

- Morris Plains will join Rockaway Borough boys on the major league level

- Little League will hold a Fish & Chips dinner (date to be announced).

T. Dennehy reported that roughly 75 children have signed up for track.

Vouchers: None