

NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 2006

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 28, TH 8 PM, AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Present: Commission Members: T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski, T Haynes Healy, T. Mulligan, S. Patamia

Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Member:
R. Seifert

Public: Councilwoman: K. Snyder
Residents: Ann Marie Arico, Shawn Connington, Wayne Fisch, Joe Murray

Public Portion:

Ann Marie Arico inquired about starting a women's basketball team. Ten women are interested, possibly more. C. Johnson stated that the gym is booked for now but the kids will be done in about two weeks. The gym will be available when the school play is over at the end of March. After Ms. Arico picks a night, C. Johnson will ask the Board of Education for permission to use the gym.

Wayne Fisch requested time at Donatoni Park for men's softball games.

They also use the following fields: Thomas Jefferson, Morris Hills, Morris Knolls and Valley View (Denville). There will be 8-10 teams and the season will start early April and will end the beginning of August.

S. Patamia said that because Donatoni Park is just opening this spring the Recreation Commission does not want the field overused. No practices will be held on the field. C. Johnson agreed that we must give the grass a good chance to take.

S. Patamia stated that the Recreation Commission will set up a schedule for use of the field.

K. Snyder suggested the men set up their schedule without Donatoni Field. S. Patamia agreed that men's softball should set up their normal schedule without Donatoni Field. She will let Mr. Fisch know of dates that Donatoni Field may be available for the men.

W. Fisch offered to drag the field if someone is needed.

Joe Murray discussed Youth Tennis.

He stated that he will try to reserve courts at Morris Hills. C. Johnson responded that she already asked Morris Hills and should get an answer in a couple of days. She will E-mail Mr. Murray with the results.

Chairman/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

Thanks to T. Haynes, Shop Rite sent gift certificates totaling \$250.00 to be used for the Dedication Ceremony at Donatoni Park.

Mayor and Council approved the request to update the fees for Beach Badges.

The Rotary has requested use of Park Lake on April 29th for their Annual Fishing Contest. A stipulation was made that no fishing from the beach or docks will be allowed.

She and S. Patamia will meet on Thursday with J. Doherty and J. Rossi to go

K. Snyder said we should move on the Smith Field parking lot and playground equipment. Discussion followed. N. Healy said all options should be looked at before doing something which may cause a loss of the grassy play area.

T. Mulligan stated

that netting will be needed so foul balls do not hit parked cars.

K. Snyder said the pitching mound will be part of the Capital Budget and will be ordered soon.

T. Mulligan inquired about obtaining quotes for the Donatoni Field Maintenance. J. Rossi is soliciting bids. This should be discussed at Thursday's meeting...

The playground inspection is done, and the DPW will install the necessary parts and complete the repairs.

Letters have been sent out to summer employees.

Mrs. Johnson Read an announcement for a new Youth Golf Program in Morris County. The registration fee is \$130.00 and will be open to children in kindergarten - 8th grades. The 12- week program will start in June, and a clinic will be held prior to the start of the program. Equipment will be offered at a discounted rate. There will be no funding from the town. C. Johnson and K. Snyder agreed that it is a great program and the Recreation Commission should support it. Fliers will be sent out through the schools and the program will be announced on the board at

the Firehouse and the Recreation Website.

S. Patamia discussed Donatoni Park: Use of the field this spring needs to be addressed. She will sit down with T. Mulligan before Little League assigns fields. The parade and dedication are progressing. Food will come from the Recreation Commission budget.

She and C. Johnson will send out the invitations and announcements.

She has a list of volunteers.

Old Business: None

New Business: S. Patamia asked for a motion to approve The Rotary's request to use Park Lake on April 29th for their Annual Fishing Contest, with the stipulation that no fishing from the beach or docks will be allowed. A motion was made by J. Doniloski, and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

S. Patamia asked for a motion to approve the Youth Golf Program with the stipulation that participants are required to purchase Recreation Cards. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Haynes reported that Junior Knights Football will hold signups at the Firehouse on March 25th, April 1st and April 29th.

J. Doniloski reported that she is organizing a trip to a Yankee Game.

T. Mulligan reported that baseball and softball will hold drafts to place the kids on teams this week. There are 12 boys' and 8-9 girls' teams. He is working on the game schedule.

The commissioners picked which activity they want to be a liaison to:

T. Dennehy: Soccer

N. Healy: Basketball

T. Mulligan: Little League

T. Haynes: Jr. Knights (football, cheerleading & wrestling)

J. Doniloski: Family Trips

The Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission

Invites you to attend
the dedication of our new Recreation Facility

Donatoni Community Park
located on West Main Street

A Parade will begin at Thomas Jefferson School at 9:30 and precede to Donatoni Community Park for a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Watch for Details!