

Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission
Minutes of March 28, 2006 Meeting

Chairman S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Flag Salute. The locations of the emergency exits were announced.

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

Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Member: R. Seifert

Public: Councilwoman: K. Snyder

Residents: Edward Edwards, Amanda Dreiss

Tom Moriarty, Karen Healy

Dave Ciccotti, Ken Taylor

Roxy & John Hammett,

Tony Manno, Dave Rettig

Approval of February 28, 2006 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 28th meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

Correspondence

1. Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 3/28/06
2. Letter dated 3/9/06 from Joseph Fiorilla, Rockaway Twp. Director of Parks, Recreation & Senior Services, to Recreation Colleagues RE: soliciting interest for foreign films at the new theater at Rockaway Townsquare Mall.
3. Letter dated 3/13/06 from S. Seifert, Borough Clerk, to Board of Chosen Freeholders RE: request to close Routes 513 and 644 on 4/22/06 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for a parade to celebrate the opening of Donatoni Community Park.
4. Letter dated 3/13/06 from S. Seifert, Borough Clerk, to Lakeland Bus Lines and PABCO (NJ Transit) RE: closing of Routes 513 and 644 on 4/22/06. from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
5. Letter dated 3/1/06 from S. Seifert, Borough Clerk to Rockaway Rotary Club RE: Mayor and Council approval of the fishing contest to be held 4/29/06 at Park Lake.
6. Letter dated 3/9/06 from Neighborhood residents of Lincoln Ave. Park/Smith Field to C. Johnson and Recreation Commission RE: proposed projects for the park/field.

7. Letter dated 3/20/06 from David & Christina Ciccotti to C. Johnson and Recreation Commission RE: proposed projects for Smith Field.

Chairman Patamia requested a motion to accept all correspondence. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Public:

Karen Healy asked what other options the Recreation Commission is looking at for Smith Field and will the residents be notified. Councilwoman K. Snyder responded that it will be discussed at a Mayor and Council meeting. There will be no notification if a variance is not required. S. Patamia said the Recreation Commission is looking at other options, but the main concern will be the safety of the children

Dave Ciccotti asked that the sewer lines, catch basins and the ditch located on town property be considered. He also reported that kids are climbing on the clay to gain access to the roof of the dugout where they are removing shingles. S. Patamia said she would ask the Department of Public Works to look into the situation. She further stated that the playground equipment will be replaced next year.

Tom Moriarty stated that the park is the nicest he has ever seen. He suggested installing speed bumps and was against installing gravel. He doesn't think additional parking is needed. A better system would be for people to park on one side of the street. K. Snyder responded that the police are not always available to put the cones out, so the best solution is to put in more parking.

Ken Taylor is concerned about not having parking there year round. He reported that there are a lot of pipes underground that people are not aware of, and the pipes should be replaced.

S. Patamia told the residents that the Recreation Commission will take all the concerns into consideration. Spreading out the scheduling between games was discussed. T. Mulligan said Baseball has already talked about adding time between games.

Track coach, Dave Rettig asked who makes the decisions about who gets to use the Morris Hills track and when. Rockaway Twp. Track conflicts with Rockaway Borough's time, and there is no way the two towns can share the track. C. Johnson suggested requesting certain days for next year. The request comes from Recreation to the High School Board of Ed. K. Snyder suggested contacting the Borough representative on the High School Board of Ed for help next year.

Chairman/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- For the new budget, Recreation received everything that was asked for in the current expense, \$10,000 in small cap, and \$50,000 in large cap.
- She received a request from Bill Neiman, Softball coach at Morris Hills High School about running a softball camp at the High School. He asked that the request be put under Rockaway Borough's name and he will ask Rockaway Twp. and Wharton to co-sponsor the camp. Mr. Neiman stated that he will provide his own insurance. C. Johnson stated that she will put in the request for the field. Discussion followed. S. Patamia asked for a motion to sponsor the softball camp, provided the fees are reasonable and an accounting of all expenses is submitted at the end of the camp. A motion to approve was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.
- The bleachers for the park are coming.
- The netting is going up.

S. Patamia:

- Asked the Commissioners to review the Rules and Regulations for changes and comments. Discussion followed.
- Stated that the Code of Conduct needs to be fine tuned and posted at all fields.
- Reported that she attended the Youth Golf Presentation. There was not a lot of interest from Rockaway Borough but we may be able to team up with Rockaway Township for this year and have our own team for next year. The ten week program will start the 3rd week of June and will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays... The cost of the whole program is \$230. It sounds like it will be a nice program.

Old Business:

The Commissioners reviewed a map of the parking for Smith Field. Discussion followed. S. Patamia suggested inspecting Smith Field. All agreed to meet at Smith Field on April 4th at 6:45 p.m. C. Johnson said the whole park needs to be redesigned. K. Snyder suggested doing away with parking on one side of the street (the days and times to be determined). She will speak with the Police Department for their opinion.

New Business:

S. Patamia presented a Use of Facility Request Form from the Rotary to use Park Lake facilities during a 5K run to be held on June 3rd. She asked for a motion to approve the request. A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

T. Mulligan requested permission for Little League to sponsor a "Pitch, Hit and Run" at Donatoni Park on two Sundays (April 30th and May 7th). A

flier will be available. S. Patamia asked for a motion to approve the request. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Haynes reported that the Football/Cheerleading held their first signups. Sixty two children signed up: (36 for football and 26 for cheerleading).

J. Doniloski reported that she is running two trips: (Yankee game on August 14th and The Jersey Boys on July 16th)

T. Dennehy reported that soccer is just starting their spring season.

N. Healy reported that Ray Kelly is the new activity coordinator for Basketball. He wants to know when they can apply for the Morris Hills Gym. C. Johnson responded that fall use will come out soon. Mr. Healy also asked how the use is prioritized. C. Johnson said she is given a schedule of what is approved for Rockaway Borough use.

Vouchers:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
16122	Happy Tails	Geese Mgt.	\$ 405.00
13804	Nickel Artistic Services	Jr. Baseball	840.00
13803	Nickel Artistic Services	Jr. Baseball	1069.20
13805	Nickel Artistic Services	Girls Softball	567.00
13855	Happy Tails	Geese Mgt.	360.00
13749	First Student, Inc.	Ski Program	2544.00
13801	Little League Baseball	Jr. Baseball	1575.80
13853	Ed Pico c/o TJ School	Basketball	1004.40
TOTAL			\$8365.40

A motion to approve the voucher(s) for payment was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary