

Newsletter

May 2006

Next Meeting,
May 23,
8 pm
Community Center

April Meeting Highlights

Present:

Commission Members: T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski, T. T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski, T. Haynes
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Absent: Commission Member: T. Mulligan

Public: Councilwoman: K. Snyder
Residents: Bob & Joanne Vento, Roe Sousa Tim Liles, Karen Healy, Dave Ciccotti

Approval of March 28, 2006 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by R. Seifert. All in favor.

Correspondence

Letter dated 4/10/06 from Barbara Murray to Mayor Lockwood. The Open Space Committee is looking for a new member from Rockaway Borough.

Public:

Karen Healy asked if there were any new developments with parking at Smith Field. K. Snyder responded that the playground is not being replaced this year. Ms. Snyder further reported that Mayor and Council are working with the

Police Department, and "Emergency No Parking" signs will be put up during baseball season. A letter will be sent to the residents who are affected by no parking in front of their homes.

S. Patamia stated that there is nothing new for the playground and parking at the field.

Dave Ciccotti inquired about the scheduling of games at Donatoni Field. (Specifically girls' softball). S. Patamia responded that the activity presidents set the schedules. Afterward, she worked on a Master Schedule for both boys and girls. She tried to satisfy the town teams and explained the scheduling. She shifted teams between fields and tried to find a balance between the boys' and girls' teams playing at Donatoni Field. There are more boys teams than girls teams and that was considered in the balance.

Joanne Vento reported that there is a conflict between soccer and baseball games being scheduled at the same time. Some children participate in both sports. S. Patamia said she is concerned and is doing a comparison between the Little League, Soccer and Track rosters. Spring soccer is not

permanent and the Recreation Commission needs to look at the impact from this year. Both S. Patamia and C. Johnson told Ms. Vento to talk to Little League and Soccer to try to resolve the scheduling. T. Haynes reported that C. Ertle, Soccer activity director, said if there was a conflict the child should play Little League. K. Snyder suggested that T. Dennehy, Recreation's liaison to the Soccer program, contact C. Ertle and advise him there are concerns. S. Patamia said perhaps soccer games can be moved to another time. He can confer with her to work out a new schedule to avoid conflicts.

Chairman/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- Some games were rained out.
- The new playground for Park Lake is on order.
- One part-time lifeguard is needed.
- Everything is going well.

S. Patamia reported:

- The opening ceremony for Donatoni Community Park has been re-scheduled for May 5th at 7:00 p.m. The new date and time should be advertised in the newspaper and the school newsletter.
- The Department of Public Works did a fantastic job getting Donatoni

Field ready. K. Snyder suggested treating them to lunch.

•The Recreation Commission should make their own code of conduct. C. Johnson suggested forming a committee. T. Dennehy and T. Haynes volunteered.

Old Business:

S. Patamia asked if everyone had reviewed the Rules and Regulations. Discussion followed. K. Snyder said it should be made clear on the Rules and Regulations who will be responsible for enforcing them. S. Patamia asked for a motion to accept the changes to the Rules and Regulations. They will be sent to Attorney E. Wacks for further clarification and final changes. A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by R. Seifert. All in favor.

New Business:

S. Patamia said the Recreation Commission needs to meet with the sports and set a time frame for paperwork (rosters, coaches ' certification, Recreation Cards) due dates. If the paperwork is not submitted by the due date the team will not be allowed to take the field for practice. S. Patamia asked for a motion to meet with the sports to set up a time frame for when all necessary papers must be in. A motion was made by T. Haynes and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

S. Patamia said coaches are hanging signs and doing improvements to the fields without

getting Recreation Commission approval. Discussion followed. S. Patamia asked for a motion to require coaches to get Recreation Commission approval before hanging signs and doing improvements at the fields. A motion was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by R. Seifert. All in favor.

S. Patamia asked who will turn on the lights at Donatoni Field. C. Johnson suggested the DPW Duty man. K. Snyder reported that J. Mirabella recommends one person from each sport have a key to turn the lights on and off.

K. Snyder asked who will keep the Master Schedule for Donatoni Field

S. Patamia said she is. Everyone should report and changes and rescheduling to her.

K. Snyder reported that John Mirabella is coaching a Wharton/Dover Legion team. There are Rockaway Borough kids playing on this team. Mr. Mirabella has a list of dates when the team would like to use Donatoni Field. Requiring Recreation Cards and a certificate of insurance will be discussed with Mr. Mirabella.

R. Seifert commended S. Patamia on the fantastic job she did on the scheduling.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Haynes reported that the Football/ Cheerleading held another sign-up. Football has 123 players and there are 87 cheerleaders. They would like to play some home games at Donatoni Field and hold a Mayor's Trophy game there on Labor Day.

Purchase Order #	Vendor	Account	Amount
13988	Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council	Coaches Training	30.00
	(list of certified Coaches)		
TOTAL			30.00