

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREAION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 24, 2007

Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

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

Present: Commission Members: S. Connington, T. Dennehy,
J. Doniloski, T. Haynes,
T. Mulligan, S. Patamia
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Member: N. Healy

Public: Councilman: J. Mirabella
Resident: Martyn Rushmore

Approval of March 28, 2007 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 4/24/07
2. Letter dated 4/15/07 from Rockaway Borough Fire Department to Carol Johnson regarding an E-mail sent about Firemen's Field.

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

Public:

Chairman Patamia informed Martyn Rushmore that there is a problem with the wording on his Certificate of Insurance. When submitted correctly, everything will be okay, and he is all set to go.

Councilman Mirabella gave an update on the progress at Donatoni Park.

- C. Johnson's office is finished.
- The bathrooms are basically done. They need partitions.
- The museum is done.
- The exterior of the concession stand is done. It needs to be outfitted. S. Patamia responded that she is working on it. Discussion followed. A refrigerator was donated. The grill and

hood will be very expensive. A triple sink is needed. All agreed that something should be done to get the stand ready to sell soda and snacks.

- He will work with the DPW on the drainage problem and landscaping.
- Councilwomen K. Snyder and M. Burnside are working on a fundraiser to go to businesses with a nice brochure.
- Next month, the Rec Commissioners will meet at 7:15 p.m. at Donatoni Park to discuss the location of the playground.

Shawn Connington arrived at 8:30 p.m.

The concession stand, bathrooms and guardroom for Park Lake were discussed. J. Mirabella reported that the town has a grant for \$80,000 but the bid came in at \$182,000. The job needs to be re-bid. He asked C. Johnson to come up with an emergency plan and asked what size building she is shooting for. Discussion followed. Plan B will be a trailer with port-a-johns. J. Mirabella said the cost of alternative arrangements should be investigated.

T. Haynes arrived at 8:35 p.m.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C, Johnson reported:

- Little League opening day went well. The parade was wonderful.
- She has a copy of Rockaway Township's Code of Conduct.
- She and Nancy Wagner met with Joe Fiorella of Rockaway Twp. The Township children can join the Borough's swim team. They must purchase Recreation Cards.

S. Patamia reported

- J. Rossi, Superintendent of Public Works, told her there is a problem at night with garbage left inside the Hockey Rink at Memorial Park. J. Mirabella said the police should be notified to speak to the kids. C. Johnson said the police should tell the kids at the basketball court to watch their language.
- The field use calendar is on the web-site.
- The coaches need to be reminded that when the fields are closed, they should not be going on them.
- Soccer will be looking for a new president in January 2008. Carl Ertle is resigning.
- Recreation must get a copy of all fliers. C. Johnson can put them on the web-site.

- Recreation needs to form a Fundraising Committee. All activities should be involved. J. Mirabella suggested approaching the businesses on Route 46 for donations.
- After the spring season, Friendship Field will be taken out of circulation for one year.

Old Business:

S. Patamia asked if there any additional ideas for Recreation's 5-year plan. Installing a scoreboard at Heady Field and making the summer park program a full-day program were suggested.

The Girl Scout sleepover scheduled for Heady Field from 5:00 pm on June 29th to 9:00 am on June 30th has received approval from the Police Dept. S. Patamia requested a motion to approve the activity. A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

New Business:

Three applications for Use of Facilities were discussed

1. The First Presbyterian Church Nursery School would like to use Memorial Park. The Commissioners agreed that more information about the request is needed
2. A. G. Edwards, Greenpond Rd., Rockaway Twp., would like to use Donatoni Field for a charity softball game. The Commissioners agreed that more information about the request is needed.
3. Aces Instructional Baseball Camp would like to use Donatoni Park July 9 – 13 from 9:00 am – 12 pm. S. Patamia asked for a motion to accept the request. A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

C. Johnson reported that Sean Robinson would like to hold a "Scarlet Knights Track and Field Day Camp". He needs an endorsement from Recreation to sponsor the program. He has his own insurance. A motion to sponsor the program July 9-12 and July 16-19 was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports

T. Haynes reported that the Little League car wash went well.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
17641	R & R Trophy & Sporting Goods	Recreation Trust	\$2,340.00
17525	Little League Baseball	Jr. Baseball & Girls Softball	1,408.20
17536	Dezine Line	Girls Softball	770.25
17530	Dezine Line	Girls softball	864.00
17529	Dezine Line	Jr. Baseball	1,296.00
17528	Dezine Line	Jr. Baseball	805.00
17537	Lakeland Babe Ruth League	Jr. Babe Ruth	1,400.00
17596	GTI Internet	Internet Services	478.80
17606	Nichole Taylor	Summer Programs	80.00
TOTAL			\$9,442.25

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Hayes. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*