

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREAION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 23, 2007

Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

Public: Councilman: J. Mirabella
Soccer Activity Coordinator: C. Ertle

Chairperson, S. Patamia welcomed Shawn Connington as the new Recreation Commissioner. Mr. Connington recited his Oath of Office.

Approval of November 28, 2006 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2006 meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 1/22/07
2. Memo dated 12/4/06 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Mayor & Council regarding the Park Lake Playground Fall Surface (shredded rubber)
3. List of the 2007 Appointments from the Borough Clerk
4. Memo dated 12/4/06 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to C. Johnson regarding the 2007 Calendar of scheduled meetings for the Community Center.
5. Undated letter to the Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission from Rob Hayzler, Scheduler at Thomas Jefferson School, requesting permission to use Donatoni Community Park for night baseball and softball games on May 9th and 17th.
6. Undated letter from Morris Hills High School Athletic Director, Robert Haraka requesting permission to use Donatoni Community Park for a Varsity baseball game on May 2nd. They would also like to play all of the J. V. baseball games at Donatoni Park.

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

Public Session:

Carl Ertle was present to discuss spring soccer. The program will probably be open to all grades (12 teams). The season will run for 8 weeks and all games will be played on Saturdays at Firemen's Field. S. Patamia said she is concerned with the impact spring soccer will have on baseball and softball. T. Mulligan said the program will be an option for the kids. S. Patamia asked if there were any objections to the spring soccer program. There were no objections.

Fixing Friendship Field in the spring was discussed. J. Mirabella said he doesn't think it will be early spring. C. Johnson said the money has been sitting in an account.

J. Mirabella discussed Donatoni Community Park:

- The concession stand is moving along and may be done by the end of February. Joe List is working on it. The roof trusses are on order. S. Patamia said a deadline should be set for the sale of bricks, but sales can continue afterward.
- The museum is framed out and the rough plumbing is in. The museum may be done by the end of April.
- He would like to start the dog park this year. The Council can fund the fencing.
- He thinks it may be worthwhile to purchase the brown house, and he will see if the rest of the Council agrees. It could be used for a Recreation meeting hall, an office for the Recreation Director, and storage.

J. Mirabella discussed permitting Morris Hill High School use of the fields at Donatoni Park. N. Healy inquired who will be responsible for field maintenance, the DPW. Baseball and softball will have little impact on the fields. C. Johnson and S. Patamia said the high school must submit a Use of Facility Request Form.

J. Mirabella also reported that Morris Hills High School would like to hold Lacrosse practices at Friendship Field on seven dates. They must submit a Use of Facility Request Form.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C, Johnson presented her Proposal for Use of Recreation Facilities and the Fees charged. Discussion followed. S. Patamia asked the Commissioners to review the proposal for next month's meeting.

S. Patamia reported that she has a copy of the electric bill for Donatoni Park for the period November 17 thru December 19, 2006. The total amount due is \$599.54. Discussion followed. The bill and usage need to be monitored. S. Patamia said she will check into it.

J. Doniloski arrived at 9:00 p.m.

C. Johnson left at 9:05 p.m.

S. Patamia reported that C. Johnson would like to put two port-a-johns at Donatoni Park during the sports season. They will be placed by the Babe Ruth Field and the Little League Field.

S. Patamia read the Resolution Designating 2007 Meetings of the Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

S. Patamia reported that the 2007 Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 3rd at 9:00. The following items were discussed.

- The dollar amount in the Recreation Trust Fund
- Slowly raising the price charged for the Summer Program
- The big ticket items will be a playground set for Smith Field, equipment for the concession stands at Donatoni Park and Park Lake, and a tractor for the fields.
- T. Haynes inquired why Wrestling's budget increased so much. S. Patamia said uniforms are their biggest expense.

Old Business: None

New Business None

Commissioner's Reports:

J. Doniloski reported she will run a trip on September 9th to Mary Poppins.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
18913	Anaconda Sports, Inc.	Jr. Babe Ruth	\$ 990.80
16492	Anaconda Sports, Inc.	Women's Softball	264.00
TOTAL			\$1254.80

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

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*