

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 24, 2008

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Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

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

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

*Absent:* Commission Member: S. Connington, T. Dennehy, N. Healy

*Public:* Mayor, K. Snyder  
Councilman, J. Mirabella  
Jennifer Mahoney from Happy Tails/Doody Calls  
Diane Musser from Rockaway Rowdies Soccer Club  
Angel Pais, Resident

*Approval of May 27, 2008 Minutes:*

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

1. Letter dated 6/24/08 to Recreation Commission from Rockaway Rowdies Soccer Club regarding opening day parade and games on 9/6/08
2. Letter dated 6/18/08 to Rockaway Borough, Attn: C. Johnson from the Educational Service Commission (Park Lake School) requesting beach badges.
3. Letter dated 6/20/08 to Mayor and Council from Spillane Engineering regarding Centennial Park basketball court resurfacing.

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

*Public:*

Jennifer Mahoney from Happy Tails/Doody Calls was present to discuss the two Dog Toilets at Park Lake. The cost is \$184.00 per month for two units. Happy Tails will clean the units and replenish the bags. . People are using them, and the condition of the trail has improved. C. Johnson asked Rockaway Twp. to split the cost, and is waiting for their answer. Jennifer stated that Rockaway Twp. has a Geese Management contract with Doody Calls for their half of the lake. Rockaway Borough's Geese Management contract was discussed.

Diane Musser had questions regarding field usage in the fall. Firemen's Field cannot handle all the soccer teams. T. Mulligan said Friendship Field looks good. The DPW will use a portable irrigation system on it. Using the field in the

fall was discussed. D. Musser said practices start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. S. Patamia said a decision if the field is playable will be made at the July meeting.

*Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

C. Johnson reported:

- 206 children registered for the Park Program
- 99 children signed up for Afternoon at the Lake
- 56 children signed up for swim lessons.
- The building at the lake is open but not completed. There are no sinks, no interior walls and no cabinets. The bathroom doors will not lock from the inside. K. Snyder suggested that she, C. Johnson, and J. Mirabella, meet with M. Spillane and J. Rossi.
- The playground inspections were done. We need \$5,000 worth of parts to repair the play sets. The DPW will do the work.

*Old Business:*

T. Mulligan said Little League uses Choice Point to perform their background checks. The cost is \$1.00 per background check. He will work with the heads of all the recreation activities. K. Snyder suggested that a Rockaway Borough employee perform the background checks. Discussion followed. C. Johnson will contact the town attorney for advice and guidelines

The Athletic Code of Conduct was discussed. C. Johnson will have the town attorney review it.

Resurfacing the Centennial Park basketball court with asphalt was discussed. S. Patamia will ask M. Spillane to look into this. .

*New Business:*

The request from the Educational Service Commission (Park Lake School) for beach badges was discussed. S. Patamia requested a motion to charge the Educational Service Commission a group rate of \$25.00 per badge for 2-3 days a week for beach use from 11:00 am -12:00 pm only. A motion was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor

C. Johnson left at 9:27 pm.

T. Mulligan proposed that Little League sponsor a self-funded fall ball team for Rockaway Borough kids. They will use Smith Field and will stay under the Little League insurance. S. Patamia advised him to file the proper paperwork.

S. Patamia reported that several clinics to be held at Morris Hills High School list the Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission as a sponsor on their flier. We have nothing to do with the clinics. The high school coaches initiated the clinics. K. Snyder said the town cannot assume the responsibility in sponsoring the clinics. Discussion followed. K. Snyder suggested contacting the town's insurance company about adding the clinics to the town's policy and the impact

this would have on the premium. S. Patamia said the discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

*Commissioner's Reports:*

T. Haynes reported that Jr. Knights voted to hold the Mayor's Trophy Game at Donatoni Field on Labor Day weekend. Therefore, we need to make sure the fence is moved. K. Snyder suggested adding this topic to the list of items to be discussed with M. Spillane.

T. Haynes reported that the Little League field at Donatoni has an awful lot of weeds. The Recreation Secretary will ask J. Rossi to contact the Turf Management People.

S. Patamia said J. Rossi is looking into the water puddling problem at Donatoni Field. She also spoke to J. Rossi about repairing the dugouts at Smith Field. The DPW can fix them when the season is over.

*Vouchers:*

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
20029	Women's Softball Morris Area Ladies League	Women's Softball	500.00
19971	R&R Trophy & Sporting Goods	Women's Softball	576.00
TOTAL			1076.00

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

At 9:45 pm, the Recreation Commission went into closed session to discuss litigation.

At 9:55 pm the meeting was reopened.

K. Snyder:

- Announced that a Volunteer/Employee picnic will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Said a decision needs to be made about the dog toilets. We can wait to see what Rockaway Twp's reaction is. Are they willing to split the cost? Discussion followed.

*Adjournment:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Debbie Tanzola  
Recreation Secretary*