

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREAION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 28, 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,
T. Mulligan, S. Patamia
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Member: N. Healy

Public: Councilwoman: K. Snyder
Residents: Martin Rushmore, Ray Sedivec
Bill Turney

Approval of February 27, 2007 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 3/27/07
2. Memo dated 3/20/07 from Rockaway Borough Police Sergeant B. Wheatley to C. Johnson regarding permission to paint "Wheels under your feet?: Helmet on your Head!" on the walkway around Park Lake and at Donatoni Park. Discussion followed.
3. Letter dated 3/7/07 from M. Spillane, Spillane Engineering Assoc. to Mayor and Council regarding the proposed projects for Friendship Field and Centennial Park.
4. Memo dated 3/12/07 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to C. Johnson regarding Resolution & Ordinance adopted by Mayor & Council to renew the agreement with Aquatic Vegetation Management Program for Park Lake and to amend the fees charged for summer program and non-residents.
5. Memo dated 2/23/07 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Recreation Commission regarding action taken at the Mayor and Council meeting to award the Turf Management Contract for Donatoni Community Park
6. Letter from T. Mulligan, President, Little League Baseball to Mayor Lockwood requesting assistance from the town for the opening day parade and ceremony on April 21, 2007.

7. Letter dated 3/23/07 to T. Mulligan from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert regarding Mayor and Council acceptance and approval of the Little League Parade.

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

Public:

Martyn Rushmore was present to discuss summer soccer camp.

1. Letter donating 2006 and 2007 field deposit checks to Rockaway Borough Recreation.
2. Use of Facility Request Form to hold Kindergarten soccer classes at Donatoni Field from 12pm to 1pm on April 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
3. Use of Facility Request Form to hold soccer camp at Donatoni Field from 9am to 1pm on June 25th – 29th.

A motion to accept the Use Of Facility Request Forms was made by T. Haynes and seconded by T. Dennehy. The requests will be discussed under New Business and Mr. Rushmore will be contacted.

Ray Sedivec and Bill Turney from the Rockaway Borough Business Owners Association were present to discuss selling banners for Donatoni Park. Per T. Haynes, Little League will donate a portion of their present banner fees towards the town clock. A partnership should be formed to benefit everyone. R. Sedivec stated that the RBBOA will share a portion of their new banner sales. C. Johnson suggested forming a committee to coordinate fundraising projects between the Recreation Commission, the RBBOA and the Rotary. S. Patamia agreed. T. Haynes and R. Sedivec volunteered. Fundraising ideas were discussed.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C, Johnson:

- Reported that all but one employee from last summer are returning.
- Presented the plans for the new building at Park Lake. It is presently out to bid. All the commissioners reviewed the plans.

S. Patamia:

- Discussed the electric bills for Donatoni Park.
- Discussed fees for field use with and without lights.
Requested a motion to charge Use of Recreation Facility Fees as follows:
 - Rental fee for profit organizations (\$25.00 per hour w/o lights and \$50.00 per hour with lights.) (\$100.00 per day security deposit.)
 - Organizations with less than 50% Boro residents will be charged \$30.00 per hour with lights.

- Non-profit organizations will be charged \$25.00 per hour for lights
- The \$25.00 non-refundable deposit is removed from the Fee schedule.

A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

- Discussed the proposal for Turf Management of the recreation fields. Friendship Field will be taken out of circulation. Therefore, fertilization of the field will start in the fall of 2008. Early summer treatment and Donatoni Field will be added to the proposal. A motion to amend the changes for 2008, 2009 and 2010 on all fields except Friendship which will start Fall of 2008, adding Donatoni Field and adding early summer treatment was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Five applications for Use of Facilities were discussed

1. Rockaway Rotary's 23rd annual fishing contest to be held at Park Lake on April 28th. A motion to accept was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.
2. Rotary Club of Rockaway's 5K Run to be held on June 2nd. A motion to accept was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.
3. Girls Scout sleepover at Heady Field on June 29-30. Discussion followed. Due to problems with safety, approval will be put on hold until this activity receives approval from the Police Department.
4. Rushmore Soccer to use Donatoni Field (12pm – 1pm) on April 25, May 2, 9 16, 23, and 30 for a free class for Rockaway Borough kindergarteners. A motion to accept with the stipulations that a roster must be submitted by April 15th, all children must be from Rockaway Borough and a copy of insurance is presented was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.
5. Rushmore Soccer to use Donatoni Field (9am – 1pm) on June 25th – 29th for a soccer camp. A motion to accept with the stipulations that a copy of insurance is presented, all children must be from Rockaway Borough and all garbage must be cleaned up was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by J. Doniloski. T. Mulligan voted "No".

Banners at Donatoni Field were discussed. A motion to approve Little League putting up banners at Donatoni Field was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. T. Mulligan abstained.

C. Johnson reported that Ray Kelly may run a basketball clinic this summer at Thomas Jefferson Gym.

T. Mulligan reported that N. Healy would like to hold a Pitch Hit and Run contest at Donatoni field.

S. Patamia reported that Mayor and Council would like to have a 5-year plan from Recreation. The following ideas were proposed:

- Playground equipment for Donatoni, Smith and Friendship fields.
- Scoreboard at Friendship field
- Community Center
- Indoor gym
- Track
- Town swimming pool
- Skate park

Commissioner's Reports

J. Doniloski reported that she has two dates for baseball games:

Mets: July 24th

Yankees: July 29th

T. Mulligan reported that Little League's opening day parade will be held on April 21st but the games will actually start on April 14th.

T. Haynes reported that Football and Cheerleading signups will be held on March 31st, April 7th and 21st.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
17513	Happy Tails	Geese Mgt	\$ 250.00
17512	First Group America	Ski Program	2,634.00
18847	Anaconda Sports	Girls Softball	675.00
TOTAL			\$3,559.00

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by S. Connington. 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 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*

