

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 25, 2008

Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commission Member: S. Connington

Public: Mayor, K. Snyder
Councilman, J. Mirabella
Soccer Activity Coordinators: J. Perna, D. Musser

Approval of February 26, 2008 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Copy of undated letter to Mayor Snyder from Rockaway Borough Little League RE: opening day parade and ceremony on April 12, 2008
2. Memo dated 3/17/08 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Borough Employees RE: American Cancer Society Relay For Life on June 13-14, 2008
3. Letter dated 3/5/08 from R. Sarinelli to Mayor and Council RE: Rockaway Rotary Club's 24th Annual Fishing Contest to be held on April 26, 2008 at Park Lake.
4. Copy of letter dated 3/11/08 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Rockaway Rotary Club RE: Mayor and Council approval of Fishing Contest.

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

Public:

Soccer Activity Coordinator, J. Perna submitted coaches' paperwork and received permission to begin the spring season. The ten teams will play games on Saturdays at Firemen's Field.

Mayor, K. Snyder and Councilman, J. Mirabella were present to discuss what is included in the Recreation Budget. The fees charged for the following were discussed.

- Summer Park Program

S. Patamia requested a motion to increase the fee for the Summer Park

Program:	1 child	-	\$125.00
	2 children	-	\$200.00
	3 children	-	\$225.00
	4 or more children	-	\$300.00

The fee will include beach badges and swim lessons.

A motion to approve was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by N. Healy.

In Favor: S. Patamia, J. Doniloski, H. Healy and T. Mulligan

Opposed: T. Dennehy and T. Haynes

Information regarding this motion will be sent to Mayor and Council for approval.

- Recreation Cards
- Lake Program and beach badges

S. Patamia suggested forming a committee to review the numbers and options for increasing the fees. Other towns should be investigated.

J. Mirabella said some money has been included in the budget to complete Donatoni Park (including the playground, basketball court and dog park). He will try to run a fundraiser campaign. S. Patamia said she has a list of volunteers.

K. Snyder suggested holding events that do not cost the town any money. Suggestions include: Battle of the bands at the lake, Antique car show, Pumpkin display on Halloween, and Decorating the poles.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson:

- Presented her report of the Recreation Commission hearing held at Thomas Jefferson School Library on March 13, 2008. She asked the commissioners to review the report for any corrections before it is sent to Mayor and Council. She will forward the minutes to the attorney.
- Stated that "we need to strengthen our codes". Examples of Volunteer Application Form, Coaches' Consent Form, Coaches' Code of Ethics, Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct Pledge, and the Release for Criminal History Background Investigation were distributed to the commissioners. They were asked to review the examples and to bring comments to the next meeting.

S. Patamia:

- Stated that “We need to form an ethics committee.” Discussion followed.
- Requested a motion to form an Ethics Committee to hear appeals. The three members will be Carol Johnson, Sandy Patamia, and Jackie Doniloski. A motion was made by T. Haynes and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

Old Business:

N. Healy asked if there was a status report on the fields. The drainage problem at Donatoni Field was discussed.

T. Mulligan inquired if dog signs will be put at Donatoni Park. S. Patamia and C. Johnson responded “Yes”. He sees dogs there on a daily basis. Residents have complained about dogs at Smith Field. S. Patamia said the signs have not come in yet. She will talk to the Police Chief.

New Business: None

Commissioner’s Reports: None

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
19471	D. Lovenberg’s Portable Toilet Rentals, Inc.	Misc.	\$ 53.00
19493	League Coordinator	Track	\$325.00
19544	Don Budis	Skiing	\$96.03
19472	Youth Sports Research Council	Coaches’ Training	\$30.00
TOTAL			\$504.03

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

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 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*