

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2006

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

*Public:* Councilmembers: J. Mirabella and K. Snyder  
Activity Coordinators: Curtis Anderson, R. Kelly, N. Wagner

*Approval of October 24, 2006 Minutes:*

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2006 meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

1. Letter dated 10/24/06 to Mayor Lockwood from R. Seifert regarding his resignation from the Recreation Commission. S. Patamia wished Mr. Seifert the best and stated that he will be greatly missed. C. Johnson said she will post the Volunteer Application on the website. S. Patamia said she has applications available tonight.

*Public Session:*

S. Patamia stated that the Activity Coordinators were asked to come in to discuss the up and coming budget. Their budgets have been received and the Commission wants to know how they can help the Coordinators. The following items were discussed.

- Fliers need to be filed with the Recreation Commission and C. Johnson will put them on the website
- The fliers need to be distributed at all the schools including the Catholic Schools
- The fliers should be put in the school newsletters.
- C. Johnson said the activity registration forms and emergency cards will be put on the website.
- C. Johnson asked for explanation of budgets to be discussed with the Mayor and Council.

- N. Wagner reported that one swim dock needs repairs and she would like a permanent concrete slab for the start system. She will try to meet soon with Rockaway Twp. Recreation.
- R. Kelly inquired if track included new uniforms in their budgets. Last year there were no shirts or shorts and the kids went out and bought their own stuff. C. Johnson responded that new uniforms were donated a few years ago. They must not have been returned. K. Snyder said it should be the coach's responsibility to get the uniforms returned. S. Patamia and C. Johnson will check into it.
- R. Kelly said he needs storage for basketballs.
- C. Anderson reported the small increase in the Jr. Knights Budget is for liability insurance. The cost is split between the towns.
- J. Mirabella gave an update on Donatoni Park.
  - The bathrooms for the field are being worked on. The framing is done and the electric is almost completed.
  - The house next door is vacant and the Donatoni family wants to sell it to the town. The asking amount is reasonable. It could be used for storage, a meeting area, and Recreation office. Discussion followed.
  - The museum will be done by the end of the winter.
  - The Town is hiring PDQ Tree Service to clear trees behind the backstop on the Babe Ruth Field.
  - He thinks the Dog Park should be done. The estimate was \$10,000 and he will push to have this included in the town budget.
  - The concession stand was discussed. The blocking is done. The roof and framing will be done. Joe List did a great job, and he will be laying the engraved bricks this winter or spring
  - The town is running out of money **for this project**.
  - He **asked** C. Johnson to bring up the playground at the budget meeting.
  - S. Patamia said the price for park benches is (\$964.00 each). She suggests asking people to sponsor the benches.
  - Installing bleachers was discussed.
  - Parking problems during Football season was discussed.
  - The storage shed was discussed.
- J. Mirabella reported that the Morris Hills Baseball Booster Club expressed interest in holding night games at Donatoni Park.

*:Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

S. Patamia:

- Reported that she has a copy of the Sept. 19th thru Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> electric bill for Donatoni Park. The cost for 70 hours of use is \$772.93. Discussion followed. The bill and usage need to be monitored.
- Rules for Donatoni Park were discussed.
- The Facility Use Form and Rental Fees will be discussed in January.

C. Johnson requested clarification of Nonresident Sports Cards Fees.

S. Patamia requested a motion to amend Ordinance Chapter 179 (1)(a) Sports Cards [2]: Nonresidents of the Borough of Rockaway: \$60 per person if eligible for said activity. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

*Old Business:*           None

*New Business:*

K. Snyder reported that the Council received a resident's complaint about the tire grindings from the playground spilling over and getting into the sand and then into Park Lake. **It was stated that the playground was moved from its original location and the present one is in the path of run off.** Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk, was requested to contact Ben Shafer to see if their specs required tire grindings vs. mulch. C. Johnson responded that J. Rossi, Superintendent of Public Works, did not want to use wood chips with bare feet.

Runoff from the road into the lake was discussed.

C. Johnson reported that she made a call to get the cost for Geese Management at Donatoni Park

S Patamia reported that a spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held to help pay medical expenses for A. J. Stanke. Mr. Stanke was one of our caches. The Recreation Commission should place an ad in the fundraiser booklet.

S. Patamia also reported there is a banquet on December 4<sup>th</sup> for Mark Snyder and Joe Csabi. They will be inducted into the Morris County Midget Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

*Commissioner's Reports:*

T. Mulligan reported that Little League will hold their first signups of the season on Saturday at Winter Wonderland.

J. Doniloski reported that she has a full bus for this Saturday's trip to New York City. She will run a trip to a play in the spring.

*Vouchers:*

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
17292	Dover Sports Center	Basketball	\$ 777.30
17290	Brian Jozwiak	Misc.	294.25
16533	Happy Tails	Geese Mgt.	200.00
17298	Sandy Patamia	Misc.	120.00
TOTAL			\$1391.55

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

*Adjournment:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Debbie Tanzola  
Recreation Secretary*