



Newsletter

March 2009

Next Meeting,
March 24
8 pm
Community Center

February Meeting Highlights

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

Present:

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

Absent: None

Public: Councilwoman: J. Kanigel

Correspondence:

- Copy of letter dated 2/12/09 to Mayor and Council from Spillane Engineering regarding Donatoni Field drainage.
- Copies of two letters dated 2/9/09 from C. Johnson to parents regarding unreturned soccer uniforms.
- Use of Facility Request from Rockaway Rotary to use Park Lake on 4/25/09 for a fishing contest.
- Copy of letter dated 2/17/09 to Sacred Heart School from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert regarding approval of 5K Race to be held on 3/28/09.
- Chairman Patamia presented the following for review: Board of Adjustment Minutes dated 1/6/09, Planning Board Minutes dated 12/18/08, and list of Borough of Rockaway 2009 appointments.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- Discussed questions regarding soccer. There are 130 children presently enrolled in spring soccer.
- She and S. Patamia will hold a Rutgers coaches' training class in March.
- The budget has not been set.
- Presented the Mayor's list of Recreation goals for 2009
Councilwoman Kanigel said these goals need to be brainstormed. S. Patamia said the ideas will be reviewed and discussed at next month's meeting.
- Online registration cannot be done with the software she has. N. Healy said he will send info to her.
- Park Lake may open on weekends starting Memorial Day weekend
- Requests to use Morris Hills High School must go through C. Johnson.
- The lights at Donatoni Field meet code and will be certified by the Building Inspector.
- The town will put clay down on all fields.
- Discussed installing concrete at Smith Field.
- Mayor and Council said Little League cannot reseed Donatoni Field.
- She has the licenses for the food stands.

S. Patamia reported:

- She and C. Johnson will meet with Councilman Mulligan and Joe Rossi to discuss field schedules, rotation and resting of fields, and field maintenance service.
- She will meet with the Fire Department to discuss defibrillators
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on 4/5/09. The PBA Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 4/4/09.
- Asked the Rec. Commissioners to review the Mayor's list of Recreation goals for 2009.
- All organizations should notify the liaisons to the Recreation Commission of any upcoming events.

J. Doniloski left at 8:30 p.m.

Old Business :

N. Healy discussed the Basketball program and said Ray Kelly does a nice job.

N. Healy had questions regarding the lawn care service and the drainage issue at Donatoni Field.

The Dog Park Survey was discussed. Funding for the project needs to be clarified. S. Patamia would like to know the cost to keep the dog park up and running. D. Coleman said he would investigate other towns.

S. Connington questioned if chewing tobacco was included in the parents Code of Conduct.

C. Johnson said the Code of Conduct has already been adopted but it can be revisited in the fall for next year.

T. Haynes discussed the condition of Heady Field, especially the rock at first base and the steep slope from the infield to the outfield.

New Business:

D. Coleman asked if there were rules, codes, or by-laws for the Recreation Commissioners. N. Healy said the town clerk should have information on the functions of the Recreation Commission and Commissioners.

Commissioner's Reports:

S. Connington reported:

- 215 children signed up for baseball and softball.
- The Police Department has been notified about the August 10-13 tournament. He will try to notify the town businesses. C. Johnson suggested notifying the Rotary Club.
 - Four minor teams and four major teams from Morris Plains will be joining the league.

T. Haynes reported:

- The Junior Knights kids wrestled before the Morris Hills and Knolls match.
- The football coaches were announced.
- Rockaway Twp. is talking about holding a Cheerleading competition in September
- He has volunteers to paint the Smith Field dugouts to match the town colors (blue and gold).

T. Dennehy reported that 78 children signed up for track. Practice starts March 17th and they will host a meet in May at Morris Hills.

D. Coleman reported about Babe Ruth:

- There are not enough kids for the 13-year-old team.
- There are 15 kids on the 14-15 year old team
- They are trying to get more kids from Morris Hills to join the 16-19 year old team.
- Participants need Rec. Cards (\$50.00 for residents and \$60.00 for out-of-towners)

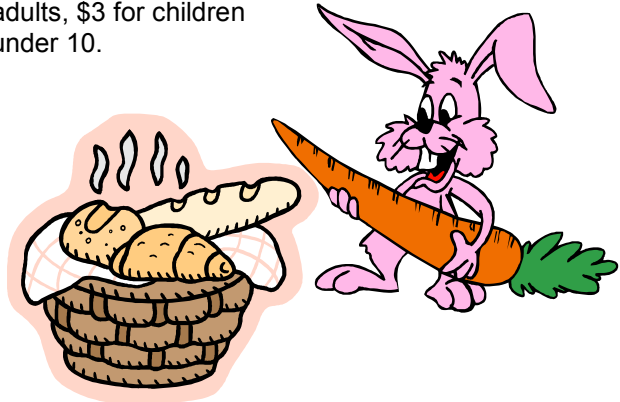
The Recreation Commission and The Rotary are holding a joint fund raiser on Sunday, April 5th. The **Easter Bunny Breakfast.** 8 to 11:30 am. Volunteers will be needed.

Tickets and further information available at the Rockaway Borough Municipal Building - (Sheila Seifert 973-627-2000)

Rockaway Borough Board of Education, 103 East Main Street - (Joe Hurley 973-625-8600)

Sandy Patamia (973-214-3561)

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 10.



Vouchers

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
21443	Ed Pico	Basketball	825.00
Total			825.00