

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREAION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

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: R. Seifert

Public: Councilmembers: J. Mirabella, K. Snyder
Basketball Coordinator: R. Kelly

Approval of August 22, 2006 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2006 meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Memo dated 9/25/06 from T. Slockbower, Department of Public Works, to all Borough of Rockaway Department Heads regarding safety inspection of all Borough facilities to be performed on 9/28/06.
2. Letter dated 9/25/06 from C. Johnson to M. Snyder, Jr. Knights Football regarding question of residency.
3. Use of Facility Request Form from J. Mirabella, Rockaway Knights Baseball to use Donatoni Park for practices and games on September 27, 30, and October 4, 11, 18.

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

Public Session:

R. Kelly reported that Basketball signups will be held on October 3 and 10 at Thomas Jefferson School and on October 14 at the Community Center. He requested that the signups be posted on the sign in front of the Firehouse. C. Johnson said she will post the signups on the Recreation Website. Fliers will be sent out thru the schools. J. Doniloski asked if the Parochial Schools were notified. R. Kelly will send a flier to C. Johnson

and she will get them delivered to the Parochial Schools. The Basketball Program will run from November thru March.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- The goals for Donatoni Field may be in this week.
- The goals for the Hockey Court will be here tomorrow.
- Budget information will go out soon.
- Presented new proposals for the following:
 1. Recreation Sports Card Fees
 2. Fees for Use of Facilities
 3. Rules for Donatoni Park

The Commissioners were asked to review the proposals for discussion at next month's meeting. .

S. Patamia:reported:

- Work has begun on the Donatoni Concession Stand. The sale of more bricks needs to be pushed.
- She and C. Johnson met with the Police Chief and the sign man. The new signs are ordered.

Old Business:

1. Field Reports:

S. Patamia and R. Seifert inspected Thomas Jefferson Field. It is not in bad shape.

- The Fencing needs work.
- The big wood bleachers are in bad shape
- The big baseball field has grass growing on it, the fence is curling and a tree by the back stop needs to be pruned.
- The football field is starting to show wear and is not level.
- The softball field has lips forming between the dirt and grass. The bleachers need to be painted.

C. Johnson and T. Mulligan inspected Heady Field:

- The fence around the playground area is beat up and needs repairs.
- Home plate needs to be reset.
- The snack stand needs awnings
- The bathrooms need paint
- The macadam on the basketball court has grass growing thru it.

J. Doniloski and T. Dennehy inspected Donatoni Park:

- The fields are in great condition.
- The major league/multi-use field has some iron debris and trees down on the right hand side.
- Work is starting on the concession stand
- The goose poop needs to be cleaned up.
- The water fountain is not working.
- A big tall net is needed to contain the balls on the Babe Ruth field.
- N. Healy reported that the fencing and gates on the Little League Field are great for keeping parents out. During the season, the portable pitcher's mound needs to be stored outside the playing field.

N. Healy and T. Haynes inspected Smith Field:

- The dugouts are a major problem. They flood when it rains. The roof sags on the first base dugout and there are shingles missing. There are beehives inside the roofs. The restrooms need to be cleaned. Lights are out on the scoreboards.
- The infield has held up for the most part.
- Lips are developing where the clay is being dragged into the grass at the edge of the field. He offered to instruct the maintenance crew proper techniques to prevent this from occurring. The maintenance being done by the lawn-care provider is doing a decent job.
- The clay pitching mound needs to be rebuilt
- Home plate needs to be replaced.
- There are fencing issues.
- There is still a problem with the storm drain opening. It is an accident waiting to happen. Discussion ensued. K. Snyder suggested discussing it at budget time.
- Pictures of the field were presented.
- The parking situation seems to have improved. No additional parking is needed at this time.

C. Johnson said the lake was not inspected because the building is being redone. Friendship Field was not inspected because the field will be renovated, hopefully, in the spring. T. Dennehy reported that there is a hole with a trash can over it. C. Johnson said the DPW should be notified.

S. Patamia will put the Field Inspection Reports together and they will be discussed at budget time.

2. The proposed Code of Conduct for Parents was presented by T. Dennehy and T. Haynes. Discussion followed. S. Patamia suggested the coaches review it and discuss it again next month.

New Business:

- J. Mirabella discussed Donatoni Park:
 - Suggested charging a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for use of fields and lights.
 - The town should cooperate more with Morris Hills High School over use of fields.
 - The concession stand, museum and bathrooms will be done. The concession stand is being done by the DPW, Joe List and donations from Weldon Asphalt. Then, there will be a shortage of funds. Fundraisers need to be held for the playground, dog park and finishing touches. Donated labor will be great. .
 - K. Snyder said the parking situation may become a problem. Discussion followed.
 - Losing baseballs is a big concern. The balls fly over the back stop into the woods. A big net attached to telephone poles is needed. This will be expensive.
 - The walking path in the back is not well utilized. It needs to be cleared out better. Perhaps not many people know the path is back there. There is a mosquito problem.

- S. Patamia requested a motion to approve the Use of Facility Request Form from Rockaway Knights Baseball. A motion was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by N, Healy. All in favor.

- T. Dennehy reported that two soccer teams share Firemen's Field on Monday nights. She asked permission to store an extra set of soccer goals (owned by the Dennehy's) in the bathrooms at Firemen's Field.

- S. Patamia requested a motion to allow the Dennehy's to store their soccer goals in the bathrooms at Firemen's Field. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Mulligan reported that Little League elected a new board. He will E-mail the list to C. Johnson.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
	Happy Tails	Geese Mgt...	\$ 650.00
	C. Johnson	Rec. Trust	89.21
	Jordan Transportation	Park Transportation	250.00
	St. Clare's	Summer Program	355.00
	Dis. Two way radio	Swim Team	79.00
	Kevin Auriemma	Capital	1,000.00
	St. Clare's	Summer Program	45.00
TOTAL			\$2,468.21

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. 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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*