

Recreation Newsletter

OCTOBER 2005



Next Meeting,
Oct 25th 8pm

Sept. Meeting Highlights

Chairman S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Present: Commission Members: J. Bernabe, J. Doniloski, M. Kelly, T. Mulligan, S. Patamia, R. Seifert
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Members: N. Healy
Council Members: J. Mirabella, and K. Snyder,
Public: Toni Dennehy, Carl Ertle, John Hammett, Tom Haynes, Tony Manno, James Swanick

Correspondence:

- Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 9/19/05
- Letter dated 9/16/05 from N. Healy to Recreation Commission regarding use of Smith Field by a fall boy's baseball league.

Public:

Donatoni Park discussion:

Toni Dennehy reported that volunteers have formed a "Dog Park Committee" to investigate installing an off-leash dog

park at Donatoni Field. The estimate for fencing is \$8,000 - \$12,000, which they hope to raise through fund raising. The dogs will be evaluated by Paws-Itive Experience Pet Services and given an ID tag which will permit access to the park. Each dog will be charged a fee (possibly \$35). Discussion followed.

K. Snyder and S. Patamia are working on a stone pavers fund raiser for the new walkway.

S. Patamia reported that she is meeting with Flag Pole Companies about installing a flag pole at Donatoni Park. The estimate for a 40 foot pole with flag is \$2,600.

J. Mirabella reported that the Little League dugouts are being built. The sides of the dugouts will be left open. The roofs will go on next week. He suggested painting the dugouts Rockaway Borough colors. The light stances are up.

T. Mulligan stated that the pitching mounds are acceptable for both Little League Softball and Baseball. Discussion followed. T. Manno agreed that the mound is okay. J. Swanick said he doesn't think a portable mound is safe. There is the risk of slipping and falling when it is wet. He suggested splitting the season between Softball and Baseball. K. Snyder

der suggested alternating the seasons. S. Patamia suggested setting up a schedule with the spring sports which will be using Donatoni Field. The mound issue should be addressed at that time.

J. Mirabella stated that Donatoni Field should be ready in April. The Recreation Commission will seek recommendations and then decide what will be done. S. Patamia said that she will contact other towns regarding portable mounds and will check Williamsport's requirements for tournaments

J. Swanick inquired about the concession stand. J. Mirabella stand. There are options and money to finish it.

T. Manno reported that people are playing on the field and Baseball is fielding phone calls. J. Mirabella responded that he has taken players out to test the field. It is probably good to go. C. Johnson stated that she has also received phone calls, but John had informed he was taking a few players out to test the field. Baseball may hold a test game under the lights. And if

They do so they will seek a permit

K. Snyder stated that she and S. Patamia have pictures of signs located at the parks where there is a discrepancy between the signs and the town ordinances. We need to make sure that all signs are enforceable.

K. Snyder reported that “No Parking” signs are needed to keep people from parking on the grass when games are held at Thomas Jefferson. R. Seifert responded that the school has horses which can be put out. K. Snyder will give him the schedule.

T. Manno asked about the schedule for improvements to Smith Field.

K. Snyder responded that the bid has just been awarded and the work will be done this fall.

Chairman/Director’s Report:
S. Patamia stated that the fol-

lowing reports were available on the table:

- Green Acres
- Planning Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Lost Control Report (Copies will be sent to the Recreation Commissioners.)

•C. Johnson reported on the Summer Programs:

It was a good summer. The programs went very well.

- A little under 200 children enrolled at the park.
- About 40 children went to the afternoon at the lake
- There was excellent leadership at the park and lake.
- The fence around the lake gave the area a classy look.

- The docks are in good shape.
- Improvements needed at Park Lake:

Repaint the building
Replace playset at the beach
Handicap access to the beach and bathrooms
New guard chairs and picnic tables

K. Snyder commented that there were no complaints from neighbors this summer.

C. Johnson presented the field contract from DeAngelo Brothers. She will invite a representative from the company to attend next month’s meeting.

S. Patamia reported that she has a Use of Facilities Request Application from Cerbo Sports Rockaway Redwing Youth Baseball to use Smith Field

on October 1st, 6th, 9th, 13th, 15th and 20th. A copy of their Certificate of Liability Insurance is attached. The application was approved.

. K. Snyder suggested informing the Police Department so they can put up “No Parking” signs.

R. Seifert reported that he met with Ben Schaefer Associates about replacing the padding on the stage at Thomas Jefferson. He will notify S. Patamia of the price.

Commissioner’s Reports:

T. Mulligan reported that Little League had their Board nominations and elections last week.

Purchase Order #	Vendor	Account	Amount
12982	Happy Tails	Geese Management	\$ 2150.00
13100	Happy Tails	Geese Management	2824.00
13099	Rockaway Pharmacy	Summer Program	31.74
13093	California Beach Hut		30.00
13009	All American Sports Corp.	Football	1198.05
13008	All American Sports Corp.	Football	1098.60
13010	All American Sports Corp.	Football	395.95
13161	Rockaway Rowdies Soccer Club	Soccer	280.86
13098	Lakeland Bus Lines	Family Trips	625.00
13160	Soccer Evolution	Soccer	5251.25
13178	Dover Sport Center, Inc.	Summer Program	38.10
12886	S & S	Arts & Crafts	696.74
TOTAL			\$14,620.29