
ROCKAWAY BOROUGH RECREATION

September 2008



Newsletter



Meeting,
Tues, Sept.
23
8PM



August Meeting Highlights

Present:

Commission Members:

S. Connington, T. Dennehy,
J. Doniloski, N. Healy, T.
Haynes, S. Patamia

Recreation Director:

C. Johnson

Recreation Secretary:

D. Tanzola

Absent:

Commission Member:

T. Mulligan

Public: Mayor: K. Snyder

Councilman: J. Mirabella

Residents: Tony Ciallella,
Ray Kelly, Mark Ortega, Angel
Pais,

Correspondence:

Financial update from J. Do-
herty, CFO dated 8/26/08

Letter from Dickerson Contract-
ing and Paving regarding Cen-
tennial basketball court and Do-
natonni walkway.

Memo to C. Johnson from Bor-

ough Clerk, S. Seifert re-
garding Resolutions adopted
by Mayor & Council award-
ing contracts for paving the
Centennial Park basketball
court and new playground
equipment.

Public:

T. Ciallella:

- Reported that Soccer
is on target for opening day,
9/6/08 (parade and family
day barbecue at Donatoni
Park).

- Questioned when
Friendship Field can be
used. S. Patamia reported
that she has been discussing
it with J. Rossi. He would
like to hold off till next
week and will look at the
field week by week. Dis-
cussion followed. J. Mira-
bella said to urge J. Rossi to
get Friendship Field ready
ASAP. S. Patamia will
touch basis with J. Rossi
again.

- Discussed open
dates for Donatoni Field. C.
Johnson is coordinating

them.

- Late signups and related
problems were discussed. C.
Johnson reported, for the sum-
mer park program, that she an-
nounces a well advertised “Stop
Date” for signups, unless the
child is a new resident•

M. Ortega asked about
hanging banners for sponsors at
Donatoni Park. S. Patamia said
each banner must be approved
by the Recreation Commission.
Discussion followed.

R. Kelly discussed the Basket-
ball Program.

- Requested permission
for Rockaway Borough High
School girls to join the Rock-
away Twp. Girls Basketball
Program. There are no prac-
tices, just one game per week
(at Morris Hills or Morris
Knolls). He will coordinate
with Rockaway Twp

- Investigated girls’ teams
from other towns and would
like to realign the age groups to
match the other towns.

- He would like to work
the Rockaway Borough girls’
teams into the Rockaway Twp.

game schedule.

- He would also like to realign the age groups for the boys' teams.
- Rockaway Twp. is not interested in combining their boys' teams with Rockaway Borough.
- Discussed setting up a referee clinic with N. Healy.

J. Mirabella discussed Donatoni Park. It looks good except for the grass. The last projects are the basketball court and dog park. Discussion followed. T. Dennehy will prepare a survey regarding interest or need for a dog park.

T. Ciallella said there are two aluminum bleachers at Friendship Field which could be moved to Donatoni Park. C. Johnson responded that new bleachers are on order.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson:

Presented a Use of Facilities Request from Copeland Middle School to hold a walk-athon at Park Lake on Oct. 21, 23, and 28. Reported that she received approval from Choice Point to use their services for background checks. . The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Everything is going well with all sports.

The Mayor and Council want the Recreation Commission to consider increasing fees for 2009.

She is in her new office.

She is waiting to hear from the attorney regarding the Code of Conduct.

S. Patamia:

Said it is time to schedule field inspections. Reports will be due at the September meeting.

Smith Field: T. Haynes & N. Healy-

Friendship Field: S. Patamia
Heady Field: T. Dennehy & S. Connington

Thomas Jefferson Field: S. Patamia

Centennial Park: J. Doniloski & T. Dennehy

Park Lake: S. Patamia

- Reported that she met with Tony Ciallella, Bill Hopler and Phil Carroll regarding Firemen's Field. They would like Recreation to reseed the field. It will be taken out of commission for a season. She advised them to get quotes.

- The concession stand at Donatoni Park is up and running, with the exception of the deep fryer. A Pepsi machine was delivered and the town bought a new refrigerator.

- Pavers are still available. Suggested donating a paver in honor of the Department of Public Works.

- The sports need to hand in their inventories. C. Johnson will notify them.

- In November, the sports need to appear before the Recreation Commission to discuss their budgets. K. Snyder suggested setting up a schedule.

- Discussed the dog toilets. K. Snyder reported that she spoke with Jennifer from Happy Tails and is waiting to hear back. S. Patamia reported that she, S. Seifert and J. Rossi met with Rockaway Twp. Rockaway Twp has no interest in the dog toilets. S. Patamia said Happy Tails is cleaning up after the geese but is not doing enough to control the geese. We will try to get quotes for geese control from other services.

- Reported that she and C. Johnson gave a Rutgers Course on Monday. They would like two new people to volunteer to give the course. K. Snyder suggested passing the word onto the coaches.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The vacant area at Donatoni Park was discussed. All agreed on installing a basketball court. J. Mirabella will explore prices.

- S. Patamia requested a motion to allow Soccer to hang banners at Donatoni Park, provided that they are approved by the Recreation Commission first. A motion was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

- The fees for 2009 were discussed. C. Johnson suggested setting a family limit of three for the Park Program. The Commissioners were asked to think about this for next month.

- S. Patamia requested a motion to allow the Use of Facility Request from Copeland Middle School to hold a walkathon at Park Lake on October 21st and 23rd from 9:00 – 10:00 and on Oct. 28th from 12:30 – 1:30. The pathway will remain open to the public. A motion was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

- S. Patamia requested a motion to allow the Rockaway Borough girls, grades 9-12 to play basketball with the Rockaway Twp. High School League. A Recreation Card is required. A motion was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.

Mayor Snyder reported:

- The “Welcome to Rockaway Borough” sign at Park Lake was damaged and has been taken down. The “Welcome” sign at Dover Dodge was hit by a truck. The trucking company will take care of it.

Moretrench offered to make a donation of \$15,000 –

\$20,000 for an item used by the entire community. Mayor Snyder suggested a covered pavilion at Park Lake.

She would like the business owners to hold a “Taste of Rockaway” party. If the business owners are not interested, perhaps the Recreation Commission can run it.

Commissioner’s Reports:

J. Doniloski reported that there is a waiting list for the October bus trip to New York City plays. She is thinking of running a Rockaway Borough Recreation Holiday House Decorating Contest. S. Patamia requested a motion to allow J. Doniloski to organize a Holiday House Decorating Contest. A motion was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
20360	Nancy Wagner	Swim Team	\$ 50.00
20238	California Beach Hut	Swim Team	120.00
20375	Lakeland Bus Lines	Family Trips	725.00
20240	Rockaway Borough Little League	Jr. Baseball & Girls Softball	300.00
20435	Ranft’s Rockaway	Donatoni	639.00
20037	Maturano Recreation Co.	Friendship	2555.97
TOTAL			\$4389.97