

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2006

AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

Present: Commission Members: T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski, T. Haynes
N Healy S. Patamia, R. Seifert
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Absent: Commission Member:
T. Mulligan
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Public: Don Budis

Correspondence

1. Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO, dated 8/22/06

2. Letter dated 8/8/06 to Recreation Commission from Rockaway Rowdies Soccer Club regarding opening day and 25th Anniversary of the Club. The Family Day Picnic will be held in conjunction with the opening day games.

3. Letter dated 8/2/06 from Neal Healy to Borough of Rockaway regarding two Use of Facility Request Forms for Rockaway Knights Baseball Teams to use Donatoni Little league Field and Smith Field. Certificates of Insurance are attached.

Public

Don Budis reported that a large number of team plaques were left at the recycling center. There were over 40 plaques left there for 2003, 2004 and 2005 baseball and softball sponsors. S. Patamia said she would pick them up and find out where they are supposed to go. She and C. Johnson both stated that they should go to the sponsors.

Chairman/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:
Combination Football/Soccer goals have been ordered for Donatoni Field along with a set of smaller soccer goals for the younger kids, all with pads. Portable scoreboards have been ordered for soccer and baseball/softball. New goals have been ordered for Roller Hockey. Dave Roberts will be running the program.
Fencing to keep pedestrians off the swim team docks has been installed. It matches the portable fencing used at the beach.
The netting for the small field at Donatoni Park has been completed. Next will be fencing for the dugouts in order to keep spectators out of the team area. The summer went well and all the trips went very well.
Cheerleading has completed all reports. Football and Soccer are up-to-date with their rosters due before the season begins.

S. Patamia reported:
It is time to do field inspections. It was decided to assign two commissioners to each field. They will bring back reports in September.
Smith Field: N. Healy and T. Haynes
Thomas Jefferson: R. Seifert and S. Patamia
Friendship Field: No one. It will be redone.
Donatoni Park: T. Dennehy and J. Doniloski
Heady Field: T. Mulligan and C. Johnson
Park Lake: No one. A new building will be going in.

We need to sell more bricks. School

The September Meeting of the Recreation Commission is postponed until Wed, Sept 27

will

be starting and the bricks will be announced in the newsletters, newspapers, etc.

She and C. Johnson will work on signs this Thursday.

There are too many keys out there and they are not being returned. Sign-up sheets will be used to keep track of the keys (who has them, etc.))

Some citizens have questioned the residency of some of the children in our program. The Recreation Commission needs to think about what procedures to put in place to prove residency.

C. Johnson pointed out that a non-resident or illegal player could cause a team to forfeit games. N. Healy related that when Baseball and Softball get to the tournament level, birth certificates, utility bills, etc. must be produced. Discussion followed.

Parking at Thomas Jefferson is not good. Cars are even blocking the roadway to the White House parking lot. R. Seifert said he had signs made up last year and questioned where they are. Once the signs are up, the police can be called and tickets issued.

People are bringing dogs onto the fields.

Drawings of the Donatoni concession stand were reviewed.

Old Business:

T. Dennehy and T. Haynes produced the first draft of a Code of Conduct. This section relates to coaches and it will be expanded to relate to spectators, parents and players. N. Healy stated that many times the problems are with the spectators who are related to the players. Discussion followed.

New Business:

R. Seifert reported that one of the old wooden bleachers at Thomas Jefferson is broken.

S. Patamia requested a motion to accept the Use of Facility Request Form for the Rockaway Knights Baseball Team to use Smith Field from August 18 through November 10 (times as listed on the application). A motion was made by T. Haynes and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.

S. Patamia requested a motion to accept the Use of Facility Request Form for Rockaway Knights Baseball Team to use Donatoni Field for four dates from September 8 through November 11. The dates will be scheduled if there are rain-outs or other conflicts with games scheduled at Smith Field. No games will be scheduled if there are conflicts with football or Soccer. A motion was made by R. Seifert and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports:

Doniloski reported the trip to Dirty Rotten Scoundrels has been canceled. The play is closing.

Vouchers:

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

Closed Session:

S. Patamia requested a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

The Commission resumed the public meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Councilwoman K. Snyder entered the meeting as the Commission came back into open session.

S. Patamia showed the Commission the bench that Mr. Giovanos wants to donate for use at Centennial Park. He also would like to do something at Donatoni Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Vouchers

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
16819	Jordan Transportation	Park Transportation	\$1,050.00
16809	Colony Fence	7-02-04 Park Lake	1,485.00
16549	S & S	Summer Programs	475.84
16530	Happy Tails	Geese Control	2,200.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$5,210.84</u>