

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

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Recreation Chairman D. Doty called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Flag Salute. The locations of the emergency exits were announced.

*Present:* Commission Members: S. Connington, D. Doty, R. Grow  
T. Haynes, R. Lenahan, S. Patamia  
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola  
Recreation Director: C. Johnson  
Councilman: T. Mulligan

*Absent:* Commission Member: T. Dennehy

*Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2012 meeting.*

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 9/25/12
- Letter dated 9/22/12 to Recreation Commission from Rotary Club of the Rockaways regarding the Halloween Parade.

A motion to accept the correspondence was made by S. Patamia and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

*Public:* None

*Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

C. Johnson reported:

- Ray Kelly wants to run a clinic at Thomas Jefferson for high school kids trying out for Morris Hills Basketball. He wants to run the program under Rockaway Borough insurance. This is to get the kids in shape before basketball tryouts. Discussion followed. All the Recreation Commissioners agreed that the kids need a Recreation Card and it should be limited to Rockaway Borough kids. S. Patamia made a motion to allow Ray Kelly to run a basketball clinic for Rockaway Borough high school boys provided they obtain a Recreation Card. R. Lenahan seconded the motion. All in favor.
- There has been feedback about signup fees. The town attorney said booster clubs can ask for fees. The attorney also said that the Recreation Commission could ask to see financial reports from the clubs, but the clubs do not have to supply the reports. She is asking the sports to tell her what extra they are putting out. She will ask CFO, J. Doherty how much money from the Recreation Card Fees can be put directly back into the sports. She gave the new Commissioners the history of the Recreation Card fees. She will research the topic and come back with a proposal.

Discussion followed. Councilman Mulligan suggested C. Johnson keep Councilman J. Vicente informed.

- Brian Willer has some ideas for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending the summer park program: (Teen Explorers: do more trips aimed at the older kids)
- She sent out notices about the upcoming budgets
- T. Dennehy may run a December trip to the city.
- The Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> football game at Donatoni is canceled.
- She found that there are kids playing sports who do not have Recreation Cards and asked the coaches to work on this.
- She asked T. Haynes if he has any update on Recreation picking up the Little League insurance. He has no update.
- The girl scouts will hold a Holiday Sing-a-Long at Park Lake beach on December 16<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

S. Patamia made a motion to go into closed session. T. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. Patamia made a motion go into open session. S. Connington seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. Patamia made a motion to reinstate Steven Pickel, based on the feeling that he sincerely wants to coach and that he will now come forth with good sportsmanship, and set an example and teach the children in the Recreation program. T. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### *Old Business:*

Field inspection reports:

- T. Haynes reported that the Little League bases at Smith and Donatoni are not 60 feet apart.
- S. Patamia said Thomas Jefferson Field is not in bad shape and reported the details.
- D. Doty gave the Friendship Field report.
- S. Connington gave the Donatoni Field report.

C. Johnson said she will make a list of all suggestions for improvements.

Councilman Mulligan said the mediation about Donatoni Field is moving slowly.

#### *New Business:*

The basketball fees were discussed. C. Johnson suggested coming up with new rules about Recreation fees. Discussion followed.

S. Patamia made a motion that basketball can charge no more than \$25 per child for the sport and they are not to waive any volunteer fees until they appear before the Recreation Commission. S. Connington seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Johnson said she sent letters to Dover and Morris Catholic asking to use their tracks.

S. Patamia made a motion to fund the Halloween Parade to cover the expense of the police, not to exceed \$1500.00. T. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Commissioner's Reports:*

T. Haynes reported that the new baseball board will be voted in on Friday.

Tom Haynes – President  
Tom Patton – Boys VP  
Lou Ritz – Girls VP  
Bill Putsky – Secretary  
Tony Manno – Umpire-in-chief  
Phil Pydyszewski – Safety Officer  
Pat MacDonald – Boys Player Agent  
Tim Kepler – Girls Player Agent  
Sean Ruane - Treasurer

D. Doty reported that Soccer's opening day and parade went well.

*Vouchers:*

<i>PO #</i>	<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2488	Jordan Transportation	Park Transportation	\$ 25.00
	National Security Assurance, LLC	Recreation Trust Fund	267.00
901	Rockaway Rowdies	Soccer	5093.00
	Ben Shaffer & Associates	Recreation Trust Fund	2053.53
	Game Time	Recreation Trust Fund	2586.10
	Ben Shaffer & Associates	Recreation Trust Fund	964.91
2551	Rockaway Rowdies	Soccer	450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11,439.54</b>

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by R. Lenahan and seconded by S. Patamia. All in favor.

*Adjourn:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Connington and seconded by R. Lenahan. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*D. Tanzola*  
*Recreation Secretary*