

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING JANUARY 22, 2013

Recreation Director, C. Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

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

<i>Present:</i>	Committee Members:	D. Doty, R. Grow, T. Haynes P. McDonald, S. Patamia
	Recreation Director:	C. Johnson
	Councilman:	J. Vicente

<i>Absent:</i>	Committee Members:	T. Dennehy, R. Lenahan
	Recreation Secretary:	D. Tanzola

Oath of Office:

Committee members D. Doty and T. Haynes recited their oaths of office.

Election of Chairman:

P. McDonald nominated D. Doty, seconded by R. Grow. All in favor.

The Resolution designating 2013 meeting dates of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was read. S. Patamia made a motion to accept, seconded by P. McDonald. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2012 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by R. Grow. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from CFO, J. Doherty, dated 1/22/13

There were questions on the Financial Update that will be referred back for clarification.

Councilman Vicente asked if funds raised by various sports were represented here. The answer was no, the individual Booster Clubs are separate organizations. Each sport does their own fundraising to support their sport. We do not handle that money. He stated that all fees have to be approved by the Council. C. Johnson stated that fees charged by Recreation were always forwarded to and approved by Mayor and Council and adopted as an ordinance. A very long discussion ensued.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- She met with T. Mulligan, S. Seifert and representatives of the Randolph Y about possibilities for the summer. C. Johnson will contact the Boro Kids to see what they will offer this year. She is interested in some programs for the older kids. Our program is limited because of lack of indoor facilities and the inability to meet the needs of working parents who need full-time day care.
- Announced that Recreation will meet with the Mayor and Council on Saturday, February 9th. The Committee will meet beforehand to go over our budget. The Committee members were given an unedited budget (as they were submitted by the various activities).

Old Business:

C. Johnson reported that the engineers are mapping the lake. As soon as there is a plan, she will report.

New Business:

Goals: Pat McDonald would like to use field inspections to organize volunteers to help spruce up Recreation facilities.

D. Doty said we will set up our field inspection schedules. Councilman Vicente enumerated clean up that has been done from storm damage.

We cannot do any permanent fencing at Friendship Field, but the snow fencing is a mess and something needs to be done.

The Committee set up an initial date for field inspections to start on February 2nd at 10:00 am

R. Grow asked about putting new sand on the lake bottom and the weed control service at the lake. He also asked about the port-a-johns. C. Johnson replied that we share the cost 50/50 with Rockaway Township. He would like to see them moved and maybe put into a nice looking shelter.

Councilman Vicente would like to see some additional senior activities, like shuffleboard, chess tables, mall walking (this is at the Rockaway Mall), etc. He would like to see netting at Donatoni Field. The Committee has looked into netting for the big field to catch fly balls and it will be very expensive. Something to catch footballs and soccer balls at the far end of Donatoni would be good. He discussed the water problem at Donatoni and the need to have DPW pump off the field. He discussed the reports done by engineers on the installation of the field. S. Patamia reminded everyone that we have a Department of Public Works and they are not always available to give our projects priority.

C. Johnson reported that she is in the process of becoming a certified AARP Driver Safety Instructor and will be able to offer classes here.

Councilman Vicente would like to see Renegade Lacrosse in the Boro. S. Patamia requested that someone from the Renegade's come to the Committee with a proposal. C. Johnson stated that the Township does fund the Renegades for over \$7,000 plus fields and insurance. Councilman Vicente stated that the fees for the Renegades are \$175 per player, and they do fund raising. He thinks that the people coming to games will boost the town economy by using local businesses. He said that it would not cost the Boro anything.

Councilman Vicente again questioned the fund raising and the fees requested by various sports. A very spirited discussion followed. C. Johnson stated that we can ask them, but we cannot require them to show us their books. He was told that if someone cannot afford a fee, it is waived.

Committee Reports:

Little League signups were discussed.

Vouchers:

PO #	Vendor	Activity	Amount
2990	Rockaway Borough Basketball	Basketball	\$ 1,050.00
TOTAL			\$1,050.00

A motion to approve the voucher for payment was made by S. Patamia and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by P. McDonald. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Johnson
Recreation Director*