

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING AUGUST 28, 2012

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Recreation Chairman D. Doty called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

*Absent:* Commission Member: R. Grow

*Approval of Minutes from the July 24, 2012 meeting.*

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 8/28/12

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

*Public:*

Kathy Haake (Rockaway Borough Environmental Commission) discussed the explanation from the DEP regarding putting a fence up for a dog park at Donatoni Field. It is extremely unlikely that the DEP will allow it because it is within the 300 ft. buffer of the river. We can apply for a waiver, but it is very unlikely to get it. No new structures are permitted within the 300 ft. buffer of the river. She said the town owns properties which they are looking to sell, and suggested looking at the list of existing properties. She also stated that a dog park is an appropriate use of a Green Acres Grant, and she is willing to help with the application. C. Johnson and T. Dennehy agreed to look at the list of vacant town properties and to scout the locations for a dog park.

Pat MacDonald discussed the quotes for fencing for the dog park. The quote from Essex Fence is \$17,000 and the quote from Markovsky is \$15,000. Home Depot quoted \$7,000 for materials and volunteers could do the work..

Pat MacDonald reported that the grass is in at Lincoln School field. Once it is established, the treatment can be scheduled. They will notify C. Johnson when they are ready for clay.

*Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

C. Johnson reported:

- It was a good summer. The staff was good and Brian Willer had some good ideas for next year for the older kids.
- Staying at the lake until 4:00 p.m. worked well. There was a lot more stuff for them to do at the lake (games, etc.). The swans were at the lake this summer.
- We are ready for the fall sports. The goals at Donatoni were put up last week.
- The repair parts for the playgrounds are starting to come in.

*Old Business:*

C. Johnson reported she received complaints about the trash and debris left in the morning at the basketball court. Discussion followed. She suggested putting up signs stating "Keep Clean". D. Doty suggested putting a garbage can inside the fence.

Councilman T. Mulligan reported that the DEP instructed the town to remove the rocks which were placed at Park Lake. The Mayor and Council authorized the DPW to remove the rocks at the Borough's cost. It took less than one hour of work.

D. Doty said he would put out a schedule for weekend field closing. The fields will close the weekend before Thanksgiving.

D. Doty said field inspections should be done. The Recreation Commissioners chose fields to inspect.

- T. Haynes (Smith Field)
- R. Lenahan & S. Connington (Donatoni Field)
- T. Dennehy (Heady Field)
- D. Doty (Friendship Field)
- C. Johnson & S. Patamia (TJ Field)

C. Johnson reported that the insurance company wants a sign installed at the batting cage stating, "Helmets required at all times". T. Haynes said the cage is locked right now and the Little League board will discuss it at their next meeting. Little League insurance was discussed.

T. Mulligan reported that non-locals play soccer at Donatoni Field on Sundays. Discussion followed.

T. Haynes discussed the Code of Conduct. How to handle any future hearings was discussed.

T. Mulligan asked T. Dennehy if she had a synopsis of the work she did for the dog park. T. Dennehy responded that she got a quote for the fencing and a survey was done to see if there was town interest in the project. The project was shut down because funding was not available.

C. Johnson said Recreation should inspect the snack stands at the end of football and soccer seasons. .

T. Dennehy said Rockaway Borough Track and Field need a track because both high school fields will not be available in the spring. Both schools are getting turf and lights. T. Mulligan suggested contacting Morris Catholic High School.

*New Business:*

T. Haynes discussed some "dream ideas":

- Some type of enclosure for shade at the Heady Field dugout. C. Johnson suggested an awning.
- The parking lot behind the old drug store needs new fencing and the shrubs need to be trimmed.

T. Haynes reported that 1,000 feet of pavers were donated to Little League and they hope to install them around the flagpole at Smith Field. New fencing will also be needed. Discussion followed...

T. Mulligan said Bill Hopley (DPW) wants to know if any additional baseball games will be played at Smith Field. T. Haynes reported that there will be three Sunday clinics

- A boy's minor and submajor team at Smith Field
- A girl's farm team ages 6 & 7 at Thomas Jefferson
- Farm division teams for girls & boys ages 8-10

T. Haynes made a motion to accept three Sunday Clinics starting September 9<sup>th</sup> and ending the Sunday before Thanksgiving. They will use both Thomas Jefferson fenced field and Smith Field. The town will drag the fields. T. Dennehy seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Doty said the last time the Code of Conduct was updated was 2008. D. Doty and T. Haynes will review and rework the Code.

D. Doty discussed the Coach's Code of Ethics. It should be signed for each sport.

T. Haynes reported that shrubs are growing in both dugouts at the small field at Donatoni Park. T. Mulligan said C. Johnson should communicate this to J. Rossi (DPW).

*Commissioner's Reports:*

S. Connington reported that the soccer parade will go from Thomas Jefferson to Donatoni Field on September 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 am. Recreation will pay for the police.

*Vouchers:*

<i>PO #</i>	<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	BCI Burke Co	Smith Field Playground Parts (Rec Trust)	841.28
	BCI Burke Co	Donatoni Park repairs (Rec Trust)	68.77
2306	Roxbury Racers Swim Team	Swim Team	75.00
2343	D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet Rental	Junior Baseball	53.00
2332	Rockaway Borough Babe Ruth	Senior Babe Ruth	1,672.00
	BCI Burke Co	Memorial Park Repairs (Rec Trust)	868.94
	Kay Park Recreation	Rec Trust	2061.00
	Morris Hills Regional HS	Rec Trust	660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			6,299.99

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

*Adjourn:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Patamia. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*D. Tanzola  
Recreation Secretary*