

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING APRIL 1, 2013

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: D. Doty, R. Grow, T. Haynes
P. McDonald, S. Patamia
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Absent: Commission Members: T. Dennehy, R. Lenahan

Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2013:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by R. Grow. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 4/1/13

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

8:10 p.m. Councilman T. Mulligan and Adrianna Smith (the new Recreation Director as of 4/15/13) arrived. C. Johnson introduced her to the Committee.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

CAROL JOHNSON:

C. J. reported that T. Dennehy resigned from the committee.

C. J. reported that she has two requests for Use of Facilities.

1. Sacred Heart School requests to use Smith Field on 6/3/13 (rain date 6/4/13) from 9:00 – 1:00 for Field day.
2. Rockaway Twp. Hockey Boosters, Inc. request to use the Park by R.B.P.D. with Hockey Rink on 5/18/13 (rain date 5/19/13) or 6/1/13 (rain date 6/2/13) from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. for their End-Of-Year Hockey Party.

C. J. gave explanations regarding last months Financial Report. Discussion ensued.

C. J. said she has bad news. In order to pass safety inspections, she needs to order rubber mulch for the play area at the lake (\$1612.50). Following discussion, T. Haynes made a motion to spend \$1612.50 to install new rubberized mulch for the play area at the lake. S. Patamia seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. J. distributed a synopsis of the temporary budget (\$7,000.00). The 2013 Recreation Current Expense Budget will be flat, exactly what it was last year (\$49,244.00). C. J. distributed a report of her recommendations for the 2013 budget. Discussion ensued.

C. J. presented a list of the people (from last year) who have applied so far for summer positions. The lake will open around June 25. Brian Willer has ideas for the older kids in the Park Program. The Summer Program fee for 2012 was \$150/1st child, \$130/each additional child with a \$410/family limit. Approximately 230 children attended the park. S. Patamia said the Summer Program should be self-funding. Discussion ensued.

C. J. reported that the DPW is working on safety issues.

Old Business: None

New Business:

D. Doty and P. McDonald reported that they got the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program (S.L.A.P.) to help in town. On 3/24/13 (4 people) and 3/30/13 (6 people) worked cleaning up Heady Field. D. Doty said the men worked hard and Heady Field looks good. They will return on 4/12/13 to work at Smith Field.

D. Doty gave an update on Heady Field. The dugouts were cleaned out. New boards were put up at the Hockey Court. The park benches, the roof on the bathrooms and inside the bathrooms were power washed. P. McDonald said the wooden play set would be power washed tomorrow. Power washing the hockey court boards has started. They are trying to get Denville Line Painting to repaint the basketball lines. Fixing the lights was discussed.

C. Johnson will contact the Board of Health for snack stand licenses.

P. McDonald reported that tomorrow, the T.J. Honor Society and the T.J. Baseball Team will start the initial cleanup at TJ field. Little League will hold a cleanup at TJ field on Saturday April 6 from 9:00 – 3:00.

P. McDonald reported that the Girl Scouts would volunteer on April 7 to work on the Heady Field baseball fence. Michael Gosden, Jr. and the baseball kids will help paint the fence around the basketball courts.

Many volunteers are doing the work, including high school students who need community service hours.

P. McDonald discussed the cost of paint needed. (\$650 for the Hockey Court and \$100 for Heady Field). S. Patamia said this cost should be brought to Mayor & Council to see if it could be paid under Field Maintenance or Buildings and Grounds. Councilman Mulligan will ask J. Rossi (DPW) if he can get the paint for the Recreation volunteers. S. Patamia made a motion for \$750 to come out of the Recreation Trust Fund, only if the bill is not paid thru the Buildings and Grounds or the DPW. T. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor.

P. McDonald said "No Littering" signs are needed at Heady Field. The estimated cost is \$12.00 per sign. Out-of-towners playing and vandalizing the fields and courts was

discussed. He was told to call the police department when the situation occurs. Pick-up games are okay.

D. Doty distributed copies of the Athletic Code of Conduct. He asked the committee members to review it and return with suggestions.

Committee Members Reports:

T. Haynes reported the Little League Parade would be held on 4/13/13.

R. Grow reported that April 6 is the opening day for fishing. Potbelly's is holding a trout-fishing contest.

Council Liaison Report:

Councilman Mulligan discussed the Recreation Trust Fund and organizations who do not have bank accounts set up in the organization's name (ex: Track & Field).

Vouchers: None

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by P. McDonald. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*