

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING JULY 24, 2012

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, T. Dennehy
R. Grow, R. Lenahan, S. Patamia
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Councilman: T. Mulligan

Absent: Commission Member: T. Haynes

Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2012 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 meeting was made by R. Lenahan and seconded by S. Patamia. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 7/24/12

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

Public:

Alyssa Manno reported that she was able to get a couple of quotes for the fencing for the dog park. The lowest quote was \$15,000. She is waiting on Home Depot. She started a Facebook page and has handouts. Discussion followed, including rules and regulations. T. Mulligan suggested inspecting other dog parks and looking at their rules and regulations.

Pat MacDonald discussed obtaining sponsorship from local businesses in order to get the cost of the dog park down.

C. Johnson asked Pat MacDonald if he knows anyone who might volunteer help with the landscaping around the Bocce Ball Court. He will give her some contact information.

Tom Mulligan reminded everyone that all plans for the dog park must go through the town engineer, the DPW and the Environmental Committee before any work is started. All background work needs to be done first.

Paul Sedlacek the Director of Girls Travel Basketball in Rockaway Twp. discussed a proposal for allowing Borough girls to be on the team on a more regular basis. They can accept 20% of the roster from Borough players (2 girls X 3 teams = 6 Borough girls). The Twp. is looking for something in return for allowing Borough players. 1. Additional gym time from the Borough. 2. Monetary contribution of \$400.00 from the Borough. 3. A payment of \$125.00 from each Borough player. Discussion followed. Our regular girls program is combined with Rockaway Twp.

Phil Pydyszewski reported on fundraisers for Boys Basketball. (can shake in November at Quick Check and breakfast at Applebee's in January). He contacted Morris Plains about joining our league. They are raising the registration fee to \$35.00/person to cover the cost of referees. Each team will be allowed three coaches and the children of the three coaches do not have to pay registration fees. C. Johnson discussed a complaint about holding a Sunday practice.

Pat MacDonald said he plays street hockey on Sundays at Heady Field and has noticed that the litter at the basketball area is getting worse. Discussion followed.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- In regards to the 7/12/12 hearing about Preston Hills, the findings of the Recreation Commission were that it was a matter of mistaken identity. There is no recommended penalty against Mr. Hills. She will send out reports of the findings to Little League, Mr. Hills and the Mayor. She has a letter from Mr. Hills which, per instructions from the town attorney, is beyond the capacity of the Recreation Commission to handle.
- Presented a list of playground inspections and repairs. The DPW can do some repairs, but other repairs are beyond their capacity. The cost of repairs (approximately \$14,100) will come out of the Recreation Trust Fund.
- Also coming out of the Recreation Trust Fund is \$2,061 for tables for the lake and \$1,800 for additional lumber and material for the bocce ball court.
- The Trust Fund will be reimbursed money paid ahead for the trip to Land of Make Believe and for the Yankee tickets.
- The construction of the Bocce Ball Court is finished. Landscaping is needed.
- The trips are going well.
- There will be a water carnival at the lake tomorrow from 1-4 pm. It is open to everyone. An inflatable waterslide will be on site.
- One half of the tickets to the Yankee game have been sold.

Don Doty:

- Asked the Commissioners for ideas for new projects.
- R. Grow asked permission to approach Rockaway Twp. about dredging the lake. T. Mulligan said he already reached out to the Twp. Mayor.
- D. Doty reported that in order to be a legal hockey court, the sides need to be round. Then, it can be rented out. S. Patamia suggested looking into repairs for the whole court.
- S. Connington suggested a shade cover for girls' softball at Heady Field.
- T. Dennehy said Rockaway needs a track since both high school tracks will be closed January 1st through the whole year.
- S. Connington suggested installing new fencing for the Babe Ruth outfield fence at Thomas Jefferson.
- Pat MacDonald suggested painting the rusted fence at Heady Field. He asked if volunteers could do the work and suggested getting the town kids involved.
- R. Grow suggested a floating island with a slide for Park Lake.

Old Business:

S. Patamia made a motion to accept the fact-finding report on a hearing dated 7/9/12 and a written report dated 7/12/12, which will be submitted to all parties involved. R. Grow seconded the motion. All in favor, except T. Dennehy who abstained.

New Business:

T. Mulligan discussed the rocks that were placed at the lake. Are there any environmental issues? R. Grow stated that the rocks were placed there to secure the shoreline after removing weeds. The swim team initiated the cleanup. Discussion followed. S. Patamia made a motion to have the Environmental Committee look at the rocks that were placed at Park Lake to see if there is any environmental impact on the lake and ask for an extension of time until Recreation's next meeting on 8/28/12, whereby the Commissioners will then make a determination. T. Dennehy seconded the motion. All in favor. R. Grow abstaining.

S. Patamia made a motion to accept the playground repairs which total approximately \$14,100 and to allow C. Johnson to move forward to do the necessary repairs on all playground equipment. T. Dennehy seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Girls Travel Basketball Team was discussed. S. Patamia made a motion to fund \$400 to the Rockaway Twp. Girls Basketball Travel Team with a review at the end of the following season. This is to give the Borough girls an opportunity to try out and make the travel team. R. Lenahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Dennehy reported that Rockaway Borough Track and Field participated in the Rotary 5K. They did very well.

D. Doty said the basketball courts need new nets. C. Johnson said there should be some extra nets. D. Doty asked why the batting cage at Smith Field is locked and asked if the public could use it. S. Connington responded that Recreation should get confirmation that it is 100% done. If so, then unlock it.

R. Grow reported that Celebrate Rockaway Day will be September 23rd from 1-5 pm. . It is a great fundraising opportunity. Non-profits can get a booth for \$20.00.

Vouchers:

<i>PO #</i>	<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2246	Jordan Transportation	Park Transportation	\$1,110.00
2247	Jordan Transportation	Park Transportation	215.00
TOTAL			\$1,325.00

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by R. Grow and seconded by T. Dennehy. 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*