

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING JUNE 26, 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: D. Doty, T. Dennehy, R. Grow
T. Haynes, S. Patamia
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Absent: Commission Members: S. Connington, R. Lenahan

Public: Residents: Alyssa Manno, Tom Patton and Phil Pydyszewski

Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 2012 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by R. Grow. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 6/25/12

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

Public:

P Pydyszewski discussed the basketball program. The present league consists of Rockaway Borough, Dover, Mine Hill and Wharton. He reached out to Rockaway Twp. about the Borough boys playing against them. The Rockaway Borough coaches do not feel there is a need to combine the two towns. The Borough has enough boys to form 3 or 4 teams at each level. The Borough does not have enough girls at each level to field their own teams before combining with the Twp. The Travel Team from Rockaway Twp. wants gym time and a commitment of \$200 per Borough girl, plus an initiation fee of \$80 - \$100. P. Pydyszewski said the only thing he will commit to (if he makes enough money on fundraisers) is an offer to help Borough girls lower the initiation fee. The Rockaway. Twp. Rep wants to come to a Borough Recreation Meeting. The Commissioners agreed.

T. Patton reported that the batting cage at Smith Field is not completely done, but it is operational. There is a drainage issue that the DPW is working on.

T. Patton asked the Recreation Commissioners to reconsider reinstating Steve Pickel. C. Johnson said S. Pickel should send a letter requesting to be reinstated.

A. Manno said she is interested in helping with the proposed dog park. T. Dennehy said she has a location at Donatoni Park and left off with getting the price of the fence

(\$8,000 - \$10,000). The funds were not available at that time. S. Patamia and C. Johnson said the dog owners should come back with fundraising ideas.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- Due to rain on Monday, the park and lake opened on Tuesday. Everything worked out well.
Park registration: over 220
Swim Team registration: 40
Swim lessons: 20 or more so far
- The first trip is on Thursday to the Land of Make Believe
- The calendars are out
- She is not happy with the company treating the lake. The weeds are bad.
- Suggested forming a group to save the lake. R. Grow said he would join. C. Johnson said we are waiting to get permits from the state to do the dredging. R. Grow suggested approaching Rockaway Twp.'s new Councilman to get help with the lake.
- New sand was placed on the beach.

D. Doty reported that he is working on getting concussion information to all coaches.

C. Johnson reported that all summer employees did concussion training on-line.

Old Business:

R. Grow said he could pick up a sign to inform walkers that they are welcome at the lake concession stand. C. Johnson told him to save the receipt for reimbursement.

New Business:

R. Grow reported that the grass inside the batting cage at Donatoni Park is not being cut. C. Johnson will talk to DPW.

C. Johnson reported that she cannot get replacement parts for the tire swing at Memorial Park and asked for permission to take the swing down. S. Patamia made a motion to remove the tire swing at Memorial Park and C. Johnson will look into finding a replacement. T. Dennehy seconded. All in favor.

C. Johnson asked permission to get quotes to replace the smaller playset at Centennial Park and something new for Memorial Park. All agreed.

C. Johnson is looking into getting a shelter for the lake.

C. Johnson presented fliers for a Yankees Game on August 15th. She has 90 tickets at \$60.00 each. This trip is for parents and kids.

C. Johnson said she would get clarification from the Borough Clerk about raising the field rental fees for profit organizations. They are working on setting fees for anyone who wants to use Rockaway Borough's name as a sponsor.

C. Johnson reported that work is progressing on the bocce ball court. T. Trapasso knows someone who will donate a layer of clay for the top.

T. Haynes reported that an incident occurred after a Little League game and all agreed to schedule a hearing. C. Johnson will check with the town attorney.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Haynes reported about Little League:

- Little League won an argument with Little League International.
- The 11-12 team has some unhappy parents because Rockaway Borough is combining with Morris Plains to form a tournament team.
- The 11-12 team did not have enough girls to form a team.
- There is a 9-10 girls team.
- It was a good year with good sponsorships.
- TJ field look fantastic.
- There was a great challenger game.

R. Grow said Lincoln School field looks great.

D. Doty reported that Friendship Field might be taken out of service in the fall. The field is bad and needs a rest.

T. Dennehy reported that Morris Hills and Morris Knolls football fields are getting turf. That puts the tracks out of service for the winter and spring. Rockaway Borough needs to find a new track to use. The team ended their season 6th out of 8 teams. One hundred kids remained at the end of the season. They did very well.

R. Grow discussed the age requirement for park registration. All agreed to keep the rule: (age 5 and completed kindergarten).

D. Doty reported that Fall Soccer signups will be held at the Firemen's Carnival. On-line signups will be held afterward. C. Johnson will put it on the website.

S. Patamia said the new basketball hoop at Thomas Jefferson looks nice.

Vouchers: None

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Patamia. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*