

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING JANUARY 24, 2012

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

Absent: Commission Member: R. Lenahan

Public: Mayor R. Greuter, Councilman J. Vicente
D. Pickett, P. Pydyszewski

The new Recreation Commissioner, Robert Grow recited his oath of office. The Commissioners welcomed him.

Chairman T. Haynes read the Resolution Designating 2012 Meeting Dates of the Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by S. Patamia and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the November 22, 2011 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 meeting was made by T. Dennehy, and seconded by D. Doty. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Financial Update from CFO, J. Doherty dated 12/31/11.

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

Public

Mayor Greuter discussed a memo from the Borough Clerk RE: Ordinance 02-12 amending Chapter 71, and stating that Mayor and Council will take over hiring the Recreation Director. The Mayor also reported that the budget will not be good. It will be extremely tough this year.

D. Pickett reported that the Volleyball Program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls was very successful. They increased the number of girls in the program to twenty-four, and there is a wait-list. Five girls made the high school team last year. Registration will be held in March, and they will try to coordinate the date with the other sports.

P. Pydyszewski reported:

- The Basketball Program has been running smoothly. They did have a couple problems with the scheduling.
- He asked if they could start the program earlier next year. C. Johnson said she did not find out yet.

- He asked for an update on the batting cage at Smith Field. C. Johnson and the Commissioners responded that T. Patton was supposed to get a new and improved sketch to T. Mulligan to be forwarded to the town engineer.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- She is having all the people who work for Recreation during the summer reapply, as per the Mayor's direction. She will also advertise for the positions.
- She is having trouble getting the goal posts from Washington Twp. She cannot get a truck long enough to transport the goal posts, and we might not be able to get them.
- She asked the engineer for the cost of materials for the bocce court. He gave her the cost to construct a bocce court, and it is very expensive.
- The playgrounds will be inspected soon, and we will get a list of what needs to be fixed.
- The lake will not be dredged this year. We have to wait for the state.
- The school is required by the state to do concussion prevention. S. Patamia said it is an online course, and it can be done at the school. D. Doty said soccer requires it. C. Johnson said it should be required for all sports. T. Dennehy said it is done at the high school.
- She wrote a letter to the Fire Dept. requesting to meet with them to discuss using Firemen's Field in 2013. S. Patamia responded that C. Patamia (Fire Dept.) said to pick a date. C. Johnson said T. Mulligan and the Mayor should be present.

Old Business: None

New Business:

C. Johnson asked for nominations for the Chairman's position. S. Patamia nominated D. Doty. S. Connington seconded. All in favor.

C. Johnson reported that the sports asked for more money than last year. S. Patamia asked for copies of the inventories. The Commissioners agreed to wait for the figure from the town before chopping budgets.

C. Johnson asked for maintenance items for the budget. She is getting estimates for changing the bathrooms (replacing toilets) at Park Lake,

S. Patamia said the Commissioners should inspect the fields in the spring before the sports get on them. She asked where we stand on the little field at Donatoni. Mayor Greuter said the little field at Donatoni will not be touched yet. He reported that the town may not go to court this year. Therefore, the fields may be playable this year

D. Doty asked if the lights at Donatoni were fixed. Mayor Greuter said that according to J. Rossi, the ballasts were replaced.

J. Vicente discussed the Lacrosse Program. He is coaching the 5th and 6th grade girls. There are about 40 girls, split into two teams. He does not have a schedule yet and will try to use Firemen's Field. He will coordinate field usage with soccer. The girls come from Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Twp., Denville, and Wharton. There are close to 400 kids (boys and girls) in the Lacrosse Program. Mayor Greuter asked how the Recreation Cards would be handled. C. Johnson responded that it is not a Borough

Recreation Program and J. Vicente will have to apply to the Fire Dept. through the Renegades.

C. Johnson suggested forming a subcommittee to look into the Concussion issue and come up with a plan. S. Patamia and T. Dennehy agreed to join with C. Johnson.

C. Johnson suggested having volunteers in the hallways to monitor kids during next year's Basketball Program. Discussion followed.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Dennehy reported that the first Track and Field meet is on April 1st. Signups will be held on Jan. 28th and Feb 4th at Thomas Jefferson. A car wash is scheduled for April 28th.

D. Doty reported that Soccer signups will be the same time as Track and Field. Soccer signups are also online. Parents can use Pay Pal. The Code of Conduct is online.

Vouchers: None

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Doty and seconded by R. Grow. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*