

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 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
R. Lenahan, P. McDonald, S. Patamia
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Councilman: J. Vicente

Absent: Commission Member: T. Dennehy

Oath of Office:

Committee member R. Lenahan recited his oath of office.

Approval of Minutes from the January 22, 2013:

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting was made by S. Patamia and seconded by P. McDonald. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 2/26/13
- Letter from S. Seifert, Borough Clerk confirming intention of participation in MCRP.

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

Public:

Representatives from RockDen Renegades Lacrosse Program were present to promote their sport. They are looking for additional fields within Rockaway Borough to use for practices and games. There are about four hundred kids (15 teams) in the program. The kids come from Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Twp, Denville, Mine Hill and Wharton. (10-15% of the kids come from Rockaway Borough.) The season runs March 1st to the 2nd week of June. Discussion ensued. D. Doty advised them to fill out a Use of Facility Request Form.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson passed out copies of the current expense budget. The temporary budget is \$7,000. She is keeping track of what was charged so far.

Old Business:

R. Grow asked about the engineer's map of the lake. C. Johnson responded that the lake would be dredged in the fall instead of waiting for the dam to be repaired.

New Business:

C. Johnson reported that last season was the worst at the lake. She plans to cut back on the number of lifeguards. She will try to combine some jobs like the water front director and the swim instructor. This will save some money. The lifeguards should be put on a per hour schedule instead of a summer salary.

Field Inspections: D. Doty reported that he, C. Johnson and P. McDonald met and divided the jobs between, DPW, Small Cap and Large Cap and Volunteers. He distributed the reports. Everyone reviewed and discussed the reports. C. Johnson said there would probably not be large cap projects this year.

R. Grow made a motion to accept the field inspection reports. S. Patamia seconded the motion. All in favor.

P. McDonald discussed items for volunteer projects. He is reaching out to the National Honor Societies at Thomas Jefferson School and Morris Hills High School. He would like to hold a Volunteer Day on April 2nd and will present this idea at the Mayor and Council meeting.

P. McDonald made a motion to get approval for the hockey court supplies (not to exceed \$700) and repairs to be done by volunteers. R. Grow seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. Patamia reported that the new sign at Friendship Field is cracked. C. Johnson will discuss this with the Borough Clerk.

Committee Members Reports:

T. Haynes reported that Babe Ruth is having signups on March 3. So far, 152 children have signed up for Little League.

Council Liaison Report:

Councilman Vicente reported:

- Mayor and Council agreed that money from the Recreation Trust Fund would be used to pay for the Little League, Soccer and Halloween parades.
- Mayor and Council looked over the summer employee list. All employees will be paid hourly. There will be no more salaried employees. Mayor and Council will review the pay ranges.
- Councilman Vicente questioned the skill structure of the park positions to move through the ranks. C. Johnson explained how the employees begin as assistants and move up through the ranks to park supervisor as openings occur. It is based on time-in-grade and evaluations. Each employee must be certified in First Aid and CPR. They must take blood-borne pathogen courses and adults submit to

- background checks. The employees under age 18 are checked out with the Police Dept. The upper level employees must be adults (18 years old). Councilman Vicente said Rockaway Borough kids should be considered first. Discussion ensued. P. McDonald said the legality should be brought up with the town attorney at the Mayor and Council meeting. All agreed.

Vouchers:

PO #	Vendor	Activity	Amount
2991	National Security Assurance, LLC	Misc.	\$19.00
TOTAL			\$19.00

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by S. Patamia and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by P. McDonald. All in favor. The meeting ended at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*