

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING JULY 23, 2013

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Recreation Chairman D. Doty called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.  
He read the Open Public Meeting Statement and announced the locations of the fire exits.

Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<i>Present:</i>	Committee Members:	S. Connington, D. Doty R. Grow, P. McDonald
	Recreation Director:	A. Smith
	Recreation Secretary:	D. Tanzola
	Councilman:	T. Mulligan

*Absent:* Committee Members: T. Haynes, R. Lenahan, S. Patamia

*Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2013 meeting:*

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting was made by P. McDonald and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

A. Smith read the financial update. The balance in the Recreation Trust Account as of 6/28/13 is \$72,856.58. She distributed detailed updates for the Recreation Trust Account and the General Account.

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

*Public:* None

*Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

A. Smith:

- The Committee Member facility walk-throughs were held. She will do another walk-through with two additional committee members.
- There will be a trip to Camel Beach (family trip) on 8/5/13.
- There will be a beach carnival on 8/15/13.
- The last day of park and lake is 8/16/13.
- Presented the current purchase orders to the committee members for their review.

*Old Business:*

Turning on the lights at the hockey court was discussed. A. Smith said the electric needs to be budgeted. P. McDonald reported that the basketball court lights do not work.

- A. Smith gave an update on the summer program.
- The total park participants are 212. This is about the same as last year. The average number of children attending the morning park program for the first four

weeks is 114. The lowest attendance on any given day was 65 (trip day) and the highest attendance was 148.

- About half of the park participants signed up for afternoon at the lake. Fifteen children took swim lessons. The average number of children attending is 29. The lowest attendance on any given day was 17 and the highest attendance was 43.

#### *New Business:*

A. Smith reported that she attended a meeting on 7/11/13 regarding dredging Park Lake. The priorities for dredging are the pipe area, swim lanes and swim area. The DEP approved dredging to the original depth of the lake. The job will go out to bid and must be done by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

A. Smith said the lake is under-utilized. "Selling the Lake" as clean and healthy was discussed.

- R. Grow reported that the Health Dept. tests the water every week. He suggested posting the water quality report.
- T. Mulligan would like to see canoes, paddleboats and kayaks.
- R. Grow suggested canoe and kayak races.
- R. Grow said there are water features at other lakes and suggested installing something fun to attract people.
- Having a suggestion box and doing a survey were discussed.

The Beach Carnival will be on 8/15 and will be open to everyone. A. Smith is getting a waterslide. She reviewed the events from last year. The activities from 1- 4 pm will be geared for the kids. The activities will be expanded into the evening to draw older kids and adults. There will be a bonfire and other activities.

P. McDonald asked for an explanation of the small cap budget. T. Mulligan explained.

Vandalism at Heady Field was discussed.

#### *Committee Members Reports:*

R. Grow asked if anyone wanted to participate at National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

A. Smith said Recreation should at least hand out fliers with general information about the programs and facilities.

R. Grow reported that Celebrate Rockaway Borough Day will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A. Smith will contact the directors of the sports programs to see if anyone is interested in participating.

P. McDonald reported that the Slap Program would be in town on 7/29 and 7/31. They will work at Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln Schools. A. Smith will create a project list for next year.

P. McDonald reported that he attended the Board of Education meeting. A new scoreboard for the Thomas Jefferson Field was discussed.

P. McDonald reported that Little League would supply the materials needed to shade the dug out at Heady Field and to install an announcer's box at Smith Field. Volunteers will do the work.

P. McDonald discussed the keys to the concession stand at Thomas Jefferson. A. Smith will keep track of handing out the keys.

*Council Liaison Report:*

T. Mulligan reported that Mayor and Council will close out the Donatoni litigation at Thursday night's meeting.

T. Mulligan reported that a new fee ordinance will be introduced at the Mayor and Council meeting. This ordinance is regarding use of the Borough's name and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee name.

*Adjourn:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Connington and seconded by R. Grow. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*D. Tanzola  
Recreation Secretary*