

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Recreation Chairman D. Doty called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, T. Haynes R. Lenahan, P. McDonald, S Patamia
	Recreation Director:	A. Smith
	Recreation Secretary:	D. Tanzola

Approval of Minutes:

S. Patamia made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2013 and August 27, 2013 meetings. R. Lenahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Letter dated 7/17/13 from residents residing near Centennial Park.
S. Connington made a motion to accept the correspondence. S. Patamia seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public:

Residents Monica Calabria and Kim Cerutti voiced their concerns about Centennial Park. Discussion ensued. S. Patamia said Recreation might need to fundraise in order to replace equipment for ages 2-5.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

- A. Smith reported that she and D. Doty ran a booth for Celebrate Rockaway Day.
- They sold drinks.
 - Scavenger hunt. Prizes were donated by local businesses.
 - Plinko board game. Prizes were snacks left over from the concession stand.
 - Distributed Recreation information

R. Grow arrived at 7:20 pm

Old Business:

P. McDonald reported that SLAP cleaned up Heady Field, Donatoni Park, and Friendship Field on 9/23/13. They are coming back on Monday. It was suggested they paint the fence at Park Lake.

New Business:

A. Smith reported that Recreation needs to make up a \$3,000 deficit in the Trust Fund.

Fundraising ideas were discussed.

- A. Smith suggested the following:
 - Lottery or 50/50.
A group must do it on behalf of Recreation and donate the money.
 - House decorating contest for Halloween and Christmas. An entrance fee will be charged. (\$15.00 or \$10.00 with a donation to the Food Closet)
- P. McDonald suggested holding a Parent Night Out with movies and activities for the kids. He will help organize it.
- S. Patamia suggested Recreation explore combining with the Fire Department's 50/50.
- T. Haynes suggested a Pub Crawl and putting jugs in stores.
- R. Grow suggested holding a pancake breakfast. Breakfast with Santa was discussed. S. Patamia will contact the American Legion as a possible location.

A. Smith discussed the Fee Waiver Process. There needs to be accountability for reduced fees and waivers for Recreation Cards and the Summer Park Program.

- 487 Recreation cards were distributed in 2013.
- (58 were reduced rate and 13 were no charge)
- Approximately \$27,000 was made on Recreation Cards in 2013.

S. Patamia will investigate the school's process to see if there may be an alternative or another route.

S. Patamia discussed activities (specifically basketball) asking for donations. A. Smith said there are no town guidelines and there should be monitoring as to where the money is going. S. Patamia said guidelines should be set. Discussion ensued. The topic will be revisited next month.

A. Smith discussed the possibility of charging for the summer afternoon program. There can be a choice of lake or park. This will help with staffing. Discussion ensued.

A. Smith said the fees need to be raised for Recreation Cards or Summer Program or both. Discussion ensued. S. Patamia made a motion to increase the Sport Card Fee beginning with the 2014 sport season as follows:

- 1 child: from \$60 to \$65
- 2 children: from \$120 to \$130
- 3 or more children (family limit): from \$180 to \$195

The 2014 sports cards will be available for purchase on the first Monday in December.

P. McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor.

A. Smith reported that the lake dredging will not start by November 1st. R. Grow said the Mayor and Council will do a presentation to Rockaway Twp and ask them to contribute to the project. Recreation Committee members were urged to attend the meeting on Oct. 29th.

Committee Members Reports:

P. McDonald reported that Soccer sold drinks and apparel at Celebrate Rockaway Day.

T. Haynes reported that one boy from Denville and one girl from Dover want to participate in the Baseball/Softball Clinics.

T. Haynes reported that Little League bought a pump for Donatoni Field (\$125). He was advised to submit a purchase order for reimbursement.

R. Grow suggested starting a list of small capital improvements for next year.

Council Liaison Report: None

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*