

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Recreation Chairman D. Doty called the meeting to order at 8:00 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:	D. Doty, S. Connington, R. Grow, T. Haynes R. Lenahan, P. McDonald, S. Patamia
	Recreation Director:	A. Smith
	Recreation Secretary:	D. Tanzola
	Councilman:	T. Mulligan

Approval of Minutes:

R. Lenahan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2013 meeting. S. Patamia seconded the motion. All in favor.

Correspondence:

A. Smith:

- Read the Financial Update from Y. Dykes (Treasurer). Recreation still owes \$8,248.11 to the Inter-Fund.
- Distributed Purchase Orders from last month for the Committee Members to review.
- Read a letter from Jim Beatty stepping down from his position as the Coordinator of Jr. and Sr. Babe Ruth.
- Distributed a schedule of meetings to be held in the Borough of Rockaway Community Center for 2014.
- Reported that Mayor and Council finalized the ordinance on the new Sport Card Fee.
- Distributed a Rockaway Borough Health Dept. notice regarding a Flu Clinic scheduled for 12/10/13.
- Distributed fliers for events held by the Morris County Park Commission.
- Distributed thank you cards (which the Committee Members signed) for prize donations made for the Halloween House Decorating Contest. Pictures were in the Neighbor News.

T. Haynes made a motion to accept the correspondence. R. Lenahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public: None

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

A. Smith:

- The Halloween House Decorating Contest was a success. There were eight entries.
- The Sport Cards are being printed and will be ready for sale on Dec. 2nd.
- She will set up a table at Winter Wonderland to sell Recreation Cards and hand out information. P. McDonald volunteered to help.

- Donatoni Field was refilled and graded. The DPW was trained on how to properly maintain the field.

Old Business:

A. Smith read a memo from P. McDonald regarding Park Security Project Proposal for Memorial Park, Smith Field and Friendship Field. Discussion ensued.

P. McDonald made a motion to have work done to replace the lens covers and bulbs (the labor cost is donated from his hockey friends) and to trim trees at Memorial Park. R. Grow seconded the motion. All in favor.

A. Smith discussed the Summer Park Program Fee and presented price comparisons from other towns. T. Haynes made a motion to increase the 2014 Summer Park Program Fee from \$165 to \$175 (morning program 9:00 am – 12:00 pm) and an additional fee of \$25 for (afternoon program 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm). P. McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Sport Card Fee Waiver process was discussed. A. Smith has a list from the school of the children who receive free/reduced price lunches. S. Patamia made a motion to set the Reduced Sport Card Fee at \$40 (one child) and a family of three or more children will be \$120. R. Grow seconded the motion. All in favor.

A. Smith discussed events for December:

- Drop & Shop Service at the Community Center, Dec. 14th (11:00 am – 3:00 pm) (ages 4-11) \$7.00 (1 child) \$10.00 (2 children). Getting volunteers to help watch the kids was discussed. D. Doty volunteered.
- Holiday House Decorating Contest

Council Liaison Report: None

New Business:

Small Cap Projects for the 2014 Budget were discussed.

- Playground at Centennial Park for ages 2-5 yrs.
- Floating island with slide at Park Lake to make the lake more appealing
- Some sort of structure for shade at Park Lake
- A. Smith said Recreation needs a new web site.
- Use money from “Family Trips” for “Events”. Family Trips should be self-funding.
- Park transportation (town paying vs. self-funding was discussed.)
- A. Smith requested adding a \$1,000 line item for education and training for the Recreation Director.
- A. Smith said she will have the first draft of the 2014 Budget by Recreation’s January meeting.

Events for 2014 were discussed.

- Drop and Shop Service throughout the year
- Join the PBA egg hunt in April
- Summer kick-off party in June
- Christmas in July “Santa Walk”
- Beach Carnival in August

- Holiday House Decorating Contest

Committee Members Reports:

P. McDonald reported:

- The Slap program was here on 10/24 and 11/25. They helped the DPW raking leaves.
- He and Police Officer Haigh are trying to get the Morris Hills Art Club to submit a sketch (for approval by Recreation Committee and Mayor and Council) of a mural for Heady Field/Memorial Park.

S. Patamia reported that there was a complaint about Basketball at Lincoln School. A. Smith read an email that P. Pydyszewski (Basketball Program Director) sent to the parents about children running around in the halls and walking in other parts of the building. The email stated that the rules for Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson gyms would be posted on the website and asked parents to read and abide by them.

T. Haynes reported that Little League Board has a change. P. Pydyszewski is stepping down as Safety Officer and Jessica Reiser is taking over.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Lenahan and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*