

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREAION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2007

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Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Flag Salute. The locations of the emergency exits were announced.

*Present:* Commission Members: S. Connington, T. Dennehy,  
J. Doniloski, T. Haynes,  
T. Mulligan, S. Patamia  
Recreation Director: C. Johnson  
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

*Absent:* Commission Member: N. Healy

*Public:* Councilwoman: K. Snyder

*Approval of January 23, 2007 Minutes:*

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

*Correspondence:*

1. Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 2/27/07
2. Memo dated 2/27/07 from Mayor Lockwood to All Department Heads regarding possible reductions to 2007 budget. A motion to accept the letter was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor. Discussion followed.
3. E-mail from J. Vicente to C. Johnson regarding linking the Renegades Lacrosse Program to Recreation's Website. A motion to accept the E-mail was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor. Discussion followed. Currently, the Website only links Borough sponsored events. S. Patamia suggested checking into this.
4. Memo dated January 2007 from J. Fiorilla, Director of Parks and Recreation in Rockaway Township regarding the development of a Youth and Senior Golf Academy at the Green Pond Golf Course. Also, an E-mail regarding the Golf course from J. Fiorilla to S. Seifert, Borough Clerk A motion to accept the correspondence was made by T. Dennehy and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor. K. Snyder responded that the town already sent a letter in support of the program to Rockaway Township Mayor L. Sceusi.
5. Letter dated February 9, 2007 from John Bokhari to the Business Administrator regarding putting up a tennis bubble on the town's tennis court. A motion to accept this letter was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor. Discussion followed.

Rockaway Borough does not have a tennis court. S. Patamia said the Borough Clerk will respond to this.

6. Letter dated January 27, 2007 from W. Hopler, Association President, Rockaway Borough Fire Department to Mayor and Council and Recreation Commission requesting a fee of \$4000.00 for use of Firemen's Field in 2007. A motion to accept the letter was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor. K. Snyder reported that Mayor and Council are budgeting to pay half of the insurance cost for the Firemen's Festival.
7. Letter dated February 12, 2007 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Rockaway Borough Fire Department Association stating that the Governing Body will consider the request and respond. A motion to accept the letter was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.
8. Letter dated February 26, 2007 from the Rockaway borough Business Owners Association to C. Johnson Recreation Commission presenting a proposal to sell rental space for banners at Donatoni Park. The profits will be divided equally between the Recreation Department, Rotary and the RBBOA. A motion to accept the letter was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor. Discussion followed. C. Johnson will advise the RBBOA that Little League already has the same existing fundraiser, but the Recreation Commission is open to discussion. The RBBOA will be invited to the next Recreation meeting. All banners must be approved by the Recreation Commission.

*Public:* None:

*Chairperson/Director's Reports:*

C, Johnson reported:

- Letters will be sent to last year's summer employees asking if they want to return. Applications for summer positions are now being accepted.
- After the budget meeting with Mayor and Council, every department has to make some cutbacks.
- She has Applications for Use of Facilities; she has cleared the dates with the town's sports so that the dates do not interfere with our programs.
  - Morris Hills Boys' Varsity game on May 2 (6-10 pm with lights)
  - Morris Hills Girls' Varsity game on May 9 (3-6 pm)
  - Morris Hills JV games (3-6 pm) on March 21, 23, April 4, 9, 13, 20, 27, May 7, 14
  - Morris Hills would like to use Friendship Field for Lacrosse practice from the 1st of March through May 1<sup>st</sup> (3-6 pm)  
The town soccer program will use the field starting April 1<sup>st</sup> (from 5:00 pm on), so the approval should be that M.H. has to be off the field by 5:00 pm starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Thomas Jefferson School would like to use the baseball field and softball field for a night game. Carol will verify the date. This can be approved so long as there is no conflict with the town's activities.
- Stated that the Recreation Commission needs to come up with Rules and Regulations for Donatoni Park. She will draw up something.
- Reported that the Girls' Softball and Basketball coach at Morris Hills requested Recreation to sponsor his summer softball and basketball camp for girls in grades 6 to 9. He will provide liability insurance. S. Patamia requested a motion to sponsor the girls' softball and basketball camp. Motion made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

S. Patamia reported

- She has a Memo dated January 9, 2007 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to the Recreation Commission regarding the proposal from Allied Biological for continuation of the aquatic vegetation management program for Park Lake. A motion to accept the proposal was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.
- She has a Memo dated February 23, 2007 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to the Recreation Commission regarding Mayor and Council's Resolution to Award the Contract for Turf Management at Donatoni Park. A motion to accept the memo was made by S. Connington and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.
- Highlights of the budget meeting:
  - The bids are going out for Park Lake
  - Will get a time frame for Friendship Field and Centennial
  - Recreation needs to move on raising funds for the playground at Donatoni. K. Snyder said they learned that various organizations have mission statements that so much money will be donated every year for community service projects. Walmart informed S. Patamia that Rockaway can apply for a \$1,000.00 Community Grant. They will allow organizations to sell hotdogs in the Lawn and Garden Center. They will supply the cart. Walmart will also allow organizations to hold carwashes there. They will supply the hoses. K. Snyder suggested mailing a letter asking for support to local companies and businesses. S. Patamia suggested forming a fundraising committee.
  - The Recreation Commission needs to come up with a 5-Year plan and asked everyone to come up with ideas for next month's meeting.
- Rafters are up on the concession stand.
- Work is ongoing for the museum.
- The Ordinance prioritizing use of fields and the schedule of charges were discussed. She does not have the latest electric bill for Donatoni Park so it will be discussed at next month's

meeting. The cost of electric will affect the schedule of charges for use of fields.

J. Doniloski arrived at 9:05 p.m.

S. Patamia:

- Requested a motion to accept the Use of Facility Requests from Morris Hills and Thomas Jefferson. A motion was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.
- Discussed the charges for the Swim Team. A motion to charge \$35.00 for non-residents to participate in Swim Team only (no beach badge and no Recreation Card) was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

*Old Business:* None

*New Business* None

*Commissioner's Reports:*

T. Mulligan reported that Little League's Opening Day Parade will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The parade route will be from Friendship Field to Thomas Jefferson Field.

*Vouchers:*

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
18846	Riddell/All American	Girls Softball	\$455.50
TOTAL			\$455.50

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

*Adjournment:*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Debbie Tanzola  
Recreation Secretary*