

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: None

Public: Mayor: K. Snyder
Residents: Diane Musser, Angel Pais, Rich Varelle

Approval of August 26, 2008 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial update from J. Doherty, CFO dated 9/22/08
2. Letter from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Pastor Jim Stuart, Rockaway Rotary Club RE: Mayor and Council approval of Halloween Parade scheduled for October 31, 2008.

A motion to accept all correspondence was made by T. Haynes and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Public:

Diane Musser, Rockaway Rowdies discussed the following:

- There is a problem with the locks on the snack stand at Donatoni Field. S. Patamia said the DPW will check it out.
- Family Day will be held this Saturday. She asked if the playground can be used. S. Patamia will double check.
- Discussed the inventory procedure. C. Johnson told her there is a form on the website.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- Everything is going well.
- The playground is going in and bleachers for Heady Field are on order.

S. Patamia reported:

- The playground at Donatoni is going in. Mayor Snyder said she has received comments from residents about the location of the playground.
- The concession stand is in order
- Bricks are still available.
- Lights will go under the pavilion and by the playground.
- Everything is running great.

Old Business:

C. Johnson said the attorney returned the Code of Conduct. Parents will sign it when registering their child. She will post it on the web site. Discussion followed.

S. Patamia requested a motion to accept the Rockaway Borough Athletic Code of Conduct into policy. A motion was made by N. Healy and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

T. Dennehy presented the proposed dog survey which will be given to people who have dog licenses. Discussion followed

C. Johnson reported that on Sunday mornings people are jumping the fence to play soccer.

Mayor Snyder reported:

- She spoke to Kevin Mahoney from Happy Tails and asked him to remove the dog toilets.
- She is moving forward with the idea of putting a picnic pavilion at the lake.

New Business:

Field Inspection Reports were presented and discussed.

S. Patamia asked if anyone thought about the Recreation Fees for 2009. Mayor Snyder said that although the fees could be better, she is not opposed to leaving the fees for 2009 as they stand. Also, group fees for the summer park program should be considered.

T. Mulligan asked if there was an update about Jr. Knights using Donatoni 1 or 2 nights per week during the month of October for football practices. S. Patamia said football and soccer are working it out.

Mayor Snyder commended Jr. Knights for their cleanup after the Mayor's Trophy Game.

T. Mulligan discussed the turf management contract for reseeding the fields. He asked if the individual sports could hire a company to reseed. Mayor Snyder said any additional work needs to be coordinated. Discussion followed.

T. Haynes reported that Jr. Knights is considering raising their fees for signups. Mayor Snyder said the town does not approve of charging signup fees. Donations are okay, but should be optional. If the sport needs more money they should consider adjusting their budget.

S. Patamia said all organizations should present their budgets to the Recreation Commission before going to Mayor and Council. A special meeting will be held in December. C Johnson will check for available dates.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Mulligan reported his resignation as President of Rockaway Borough Little League and announced that Rich Varelle is the new President S. Patamia thanked Tom for all his hard work and time.

J. Doniloski reported that there are 5 seats available for the October bus trip to NYC plays.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
20349	BCI Burke Co.	Donatoni Park	\$34,385.85
20458	Rockaway Borough Babe Ruth	Sr Babe Ruth	252.00
20462	Ridell/All American Sports Corp	Football	5,872.19
20589	KLC Dock & Waterfront System	Small Cap Park Lake	6,295.00
20595	Carol Johnson	Misc.	49.00
20584	Jen Renauer	Donatoni Park	129.08
TOTAL			\$46,983.12

A motion to approve the vouchers for payment was made by S. Connington and seconded by N. Healy. All in favor.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Healy and seconded by J. Doniloski. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*