

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH RECREATION

January 2012



Newsletter

Next Meeting,
Tues, JAN 24
8PM
At the Community
Center

November Meeting Highlights

Recreation chairman, Tom Haynes 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, D. Doty, T. Haynes, R Lenahan, S. Patamia

Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola
Recreation Director: C. Johnson

Absent: Commission Members: T. Dennehy, N. Healy

Public: Councilman, T. Mulligan
Ray Kelly, Tom Patton
Phil Pydyszewski,

Correspondence:

- Financial Update from CFO, J. Doherty dated 11/22/11
- Resignation Letter from Recreation Commissioner N. Healy, dated 11/22/11.
- Copy of email from Councilman, T. Mulligan to Recreation Commission

RE: Rules & Regulations (for the open space property off of Beach St). developed by the Rockaway Borough Environmental Commission. Discussion ensued.

Public

R. Kelly, P. Pydyszewski and T. Patton were present to discuss the Basketball program.

- 138 boys
- 57 girls go to the Rockaway Twp. team
- 13 girls (2nd grade clinic)
- They are looking to form a boy's league with Wharton, Mine Hill and Dover.
- The budget is similar to last year. The biggest expense will be referees.
- The inventory is attached to the budget.
- they started a candle fundraiser.
- The Rec. Commissioners thanked R. Kelly for all he has done for the program.
- A problem with children wandering during practices at Lincoln School was discussed.
- They would like to start the program earlier in the year. C. Johnson will find out how early

in the year the gym is available.

- They will get the game schedule to C. Johnson.

T. Patton said the old batting cage at Smith Field is not functional and they hope to put in a new one. Preliminary drawings were presented. They are prepared to fundraise to pay for it.

C. Johnson reported that there would be no capital projects in the town budget for two years. S. Patamia is concerned about creating drainage issues.

T. Mulligan recommended getting the town engineer out there. He asked that the specs be e-mailed to him for forwarding to the town engineer. T. Mulligan will bring the topic up to Mayor and Council and get the engineer to inspect.

Chairperson/Director's Reports:
C. Johnson:

- She is working on a letter to the Fire Department asking to use Firemen's Field when Donatoni Field is taken out of service in 2013. She would like to schedule a meeting with the Fire Dept. S. Patamia suggested asking to use Firemen's Field for 2012 Fall Soccer. T.

Mulligan reported that a lawsuit regarding Donatoni Field has been filed against Suburban Engineering and TomCo.

- Presented a copy of the budget figures she has so far.

Old Business

The memorandum dated 4/19/11 from Borough Clerk, S. Seifert to Mayor and Council and Borough Attorney, E. Wacks RE: Use of Borough Name as "Sponsor" for camps was discussed.

S. Patamia made a motion that in order for any sports camps to use the name Borough of Rockaway or Rockaway Borough Recreation Commission to be charged a fee of \$100.00 and they must comply with all the following conditions as set forth in the memo dated 4/19/11 under section starting with "Are background checks conducted on each employee and volunteer?" and ending with "on a primary and non-contributory basis." S. Connington seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

C. Johnson suggested reviewing all the budgets together in early January.

Weekend field closures were discussed. R. Lenahan made a motion that starting in 2012, if the fields are closed on Saturday, the field will remain closed on Sunday.(Weather related closings)

D. Doty seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. Patamia reported that Football left food in the TJ stand. T. Haynes will contact Football. S. Patamia reported that the water is off and the bathrooms are double locked.

S. Patamia reminded the Commissioners there will be a vote on the Chairman's position in January.

D. Doty discussed the parking lot lights at Donatoni Field. T. Mulligan reported that the problem is being addressed at the appropriate level. S. Connington suggested installing a motion light on the snack stand.

T. Mulligan reported on the Park Lake dredging. He stated that we are waiting on feedback from the DEP about fixing the dam and we need to apply for a number of permits from the DEP. If the dam is fixed, dredging the swim area of the lake can be done at the same time. He has no timeline. C. Johnson reported that Rockaway Twp. does not want to participate, so the dredging will focus on the Borough side.

T. Mulligan reported that the Recreation Director position is automatically rolled over in three-year terms unless the Recreation Commission takes any action when the end of the term approaches. C. Johnson was appointed on July 1, 1985. Her current three-year term started on July 1, 2009 and will end on June 30, 2012. Her current salary is \$12,506.00

Commissioner's Reports:

D. Doty said something needs to be done at the fence line and behind the benches at Friendship Field. C. Johnson will get prices for temporary fences.

R. Lenahan reported that girl's fall softball did very well.

Signups will be held at Winter Wonderland for soccer, track and field, and baseball. C. Johnson will post it on the Recreation website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45

Vouchers			
PO #	Vendor	Account	Amount
No #	National Security Assurance	Rec Trust	\$ 38.00
1192	Toni Dennehy	Family Trips	150.00
TOTAL			\$188.00