

Minutes of Park and Recreation Commission meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Present: Dave Trizano, Chairperson
Patricia Radogna
Steve Scarangella
Manny Enes
Jean Wurzburger
Tom Cook
Guy Pipolo
Skip Pennucci

Absent: Stuart Hemby

Also present: Recreation Superintendent, Rosanne Saracino
Randi Robinowitz, Trustee, Liaison to Commission
Sandy DiRuzza, Domestic Officer, DARE Officer
Ozzie Ramos, Youth Officer
Doug Brown, Owner of 2nd Nature skate shop 614 Mamaroneck Ave

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Commissioner Trizano who welcomed new members Tom Cook and Skip Pennucci, previous Commissioner. New member, Stuart Hemby, was absent from the meeting.

Elections

The Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Trizano as Chairperson and Commissioner Pennucci as Vice Chairperson.

Minutes Approved

A motion was made by Commissioner Scarangella, seconded by Commissioner Wurzburger to approve the Recreation and Parks Commission minutes for the meeting of November 5, 2008. It was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer DiRuzza and Officer Ramos approached the Commission about the need for safe locations for teenagers to gather. They spoke about examining hosting a teen event once or twice a month to offer teens a place to go. Presently, they are getting shuffled from one location to another.

Both officers agreed to meeting with both the Rye Neck Schools and Mamaroneck Schools regarding putting together a Committee of parents and students to find out what events would teens participate.

Officer DiRuzza brought up a skate park for the teens. Doug Brown, the owner of 2nd Nature skate shop, located at 614 Mamaroneck Ave, is interested in the space at Harbor Island Park where World Team Tennis was previously held. He managed to get a group of investors interested in building and running a skate park. The Commission members felt that because of the noise involved, a skate park would not be appropriate in any neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Trizano suggested to the officers and Mr. Brown to come back with more detailed plans for both ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Date and Time

The Commission unanimously agreed to move the meetings to the second Wednesday of the month and to change meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's update

1. Carnival Update. Dates are April 3rd through 11th, with the exception of April 10th which is Good Friday.
2. Superintendent Saracino is very focused on restoring the youth summer sailing program. She and Trustee Robinowitz met with Charles Schneider and his son, Matthew, regarding their ability to get the sailing program up and running for summer 2009. Mr. Schneider, former owner/operator of Happy Landing Marina in Greenwood Lake NJ is well versed in sailing and has a mechanic's background. Also past commodore of the Harlem Yacht Club.
3. Village Day Camp.

Location

The Commission unanimously agreed that Saints John & Paul is not a good location for the Village camp because the majority of the campers are from Rye Neck area and thus it is too far.

Date

Rye Neck Schools have offered camp to start Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 24th. Superintendent Saracino feels that there may not be enough time for the three day camp orientation. Also the Westchester County Board of Health is not available if training would take place on the weekend. Also many staff would be involved in graduations during the week which would have to be camp orientation time.

Length of Camp

The Commission agreed that a minimum of four weeks at one of the Rye Neck schools would be acceptable but the Commission's preference would be five weeks.

Fees

A 10% increase in camp fees was unanimously in favor by the Commission.

Security

The Commission voted to approve the hiring of additional senior staff to add an additional level of safety at camp. All staff would receive a security card so they can access the school building. Commissioner Pennucci made a motion to approve the fees, additional staff and security cards. Commissioner Cook seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

4. Softball Fees.

The following fees were modified:

Men's A, B, C and women's leagues will increase \$200 per team.

Fall League will increase \$150 per team. Fees will now be:

A League \$1,400

B & C Leagues \$1,150

Women's League \$950

Fall League \$700.

Commissioner Wurzbarger made a motion to approve the fees, Commissioner Pipolo seconded.

There was discussion as to the lack of heat in the room. Trustee Robinowitz said she would look into the Regatta conference room at least for the colder months.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pipolo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Ramos
Recording Secretary