

**Port Chester Recreation and Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2009**

Meeting Began at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chairperson Kim Morabito, Linda Turturino, Frank Errigo, Mickey DeCarlo and Superintendent Thomas Hroncich

Absent: Alternate Rocco Plateroti, Charles Melillo, Mike Pinto, Dominic Bencivenga

Excused: Recreation Commissioners – Sia Tofano, Lynn Errigo-Shields

Present: Park Commission: Chairman Jerry Terranova, Connie Thalheimer, Fabiola Montoya, John Reavis and Marie Martin

Recreation Chairperson Kim Morabito called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Park Chairperson Terranova informed the Commissioners that there was vandalism at Columbus Park and that there was a small article in the paper. Chairperson Terranova also passed around a few pictures that he had taken of the vandalism.

I. Meeting Minutes – March 2009

The March minutes were voted on and passed.

II. Public Viewpoints – No public view points.

Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissioners that he spoke with Sgt. Vaccaro and was informed that he would not be able to make this meeting but he would be at the May meeting along with the Traffic Commission Chairman.

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Meetings

Lyon Park Bathrooms – Recreation Chairperson Kim Morabito asked about the status of the bathrooms at Lyon Park, Superintendent Hroncich stated that they are going to restore the old bathrooms and that we are not getting new ones. Dolph Rotfeld of Rotfeld Engineering has some architects and other guys there to restore.

Girl Scout House – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissioners that we will be using the Girl Scout House for the Cub Camp this summer.

B. Programs.

Camp Night – the question was asked, what is the purpose of camp night for? Superintendent Hroncich stated camp night is to inform parents of what will take place at camp (information) and to answer any questions or concerns they may have.

IV. Old Business

PCYBL – Superintendent Hroncich stated he spoke with Bob Vyskocil and was told that they have the drawings and will be scheduling a meeting with the Village Manager and the Village Attorney to review.

Budget – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that he met with the Board and the budget was reduced 6 percent in addition to the Superintendents reduction, a new copier did not make the budget. Park Commissioner Reavis asked how much is a copy machine. Superintendent stated \$6,000 to buy off state contract. Park Commissioner Reavis stated perhaps we should go to an open meeting and bring it up. Superintendent also informed the Commissioners that they will fund the fireworks for Port Chester Day and that they added \$5,000 for three Waterfront Concerts.

Bocce – Park Chairperson Terranova stated he went to Rec Park and took another look at the Bocce Court. If the Bocce players would provide the labor to restore the courts; meaning replacing the boards and installing a canopy over the courts, having the Village provide the materials that this would be a best solution,

Village Manager's Pending Agenda – A copy of the Manager's pending agenda was passed around for everyone to review.

IV. New Business

Braking the Cycle – Superintendent informed the Commissions that he received a request from "Braking the Cycle" to use Recreation Park as a rest stop and lunch. Park Chairperson inquired if they will be paying a fee, and that he didn't see a problem. Superintendent stated he sent them the application for use with the fees attached.

Seniors Men's Club – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissioners that he met with the men from the Senior Center and that they would like to start a Men's Club the "Blue Hats". They're discussed a fishing outing, a pool tourney possibly against Rye Brook. Superintendent stated that perhaps do fishing at Rye Town Pond and have some fish put in it so that everyone will be able to catch a fish, what type/kind, don't know. Park Chairperson Terranova asked have you seen the size of the pond, (little kids fishing). Recreation Commissioner Turturino stated she will e-mail Town Supervisor Carvin and find out what type of fish can go in the pond. Kevin Dunn will provide the fish, bait and everything. The question was asked what about Port Chester Fishing Derby, Superintendent replied he would prefer working with facilities we have access to and the excitement is in catching a fish. A child's chance of catching a fish would be almost guaranteed at the Rye Town Park Pond.

Skate Boarding – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissioners that Mayor Pilla asked him to look into a skate board location. The ideal location may be Recreation Park; they can skate, but no flips, or free wheeling at the present time. Recreation Commissioner Turturino stated Greenwich has it where you sign a waiver.

The question was asked, how much will it cost to pour rubber at all parks? Superintendent Hroncich stated roughly \$330,000. This would provide a permanent surface in all playgrounds.

VI. Committee Reports

Entertainment Committee – The Entertainment Committee scheduled five (5) concerts two (2) at the Waterfront, will probably add one more at the Waterfront. There was a discussion on Port Chester Day and two Gospel Groups from Port Chester for Port Chester Day, and also at the Port Chester Fest on May 17th, but looking at an outside group.

Park Commissioner Reavis asked are they paying for these groups; there are two (2) groups from Port Chester; Saint Frances AME Zion Church, Smith Street and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Slater Street. Commissioner Reavis stated he will speak directly with Ann Spaeth.

Gioffre Dedication – Park Commissioner Thalheimer thanked everyone, especially Park Chairperson Terranova for pursuing this and following through. She spoke with her family members and she has a hard copy photo and on disc. She spoke to her son about a possible game, and that he will probably set up a game, don't have a date as yet, and need to see the size of the location.

Recreation Commissioner DeCarlo stated a monument at Recreation Park where the Clippers and Port Chester Stars played may be a better location to honor "Babe" Gioffre's contribution to his community.

Baseball – Recreation Chairperson Kim Morabito informed the Commissioners that PCYBL have their Fun/Run and will be distributing the Uniforms at 10:00 a.m. and the three mile around the park at Lyon Park on Saturday, April 28th, a fund raiser. The Season Opening begins on Saturday, April 25th.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th.

Submitted by,

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