

**Port Chester Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

Meeting Began at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Alternate Rocco Plateroti, Lynn Errigo-Shields, Charles Melillo, Mike Pinto, Dominic Bencivenga

Excused: Sia Tofano

Present: **Park Commission:** Chairperson Jerry Terranova, Concettina Thalheimer

Absent: **Park Commission:** Marie Martin

Excused: **Park Commission:** John Reavis

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

I. Meeting Minutes – January 2009

The January minutes were voted on and passed with the following notation there was no “Public Viewpoints”.

Parks Discussion: Bocce – It was suggested by the Park Commission to charge the Bocce what it would cost to setup and maintain the courts. It was also suggested by Park Chairperson Jerry Terranova to invite them to the next meeting.

II. Public Viewpoints

Sgt. Charles Vaccaro called Superintendent Hroncich to let him know that he would not be attending the meeting on February 11th, and informed Superintendent Hroncich that he did not have a quorum at his Traffic Commission meeting, but would probably be able to attend the March meeting.

III. Superintendent’s Report

A. Meetings

TD Bank – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that TD Bank will sponsor the 5K Run/Walk and will do whatever they can.

Edgewood Park Site – Copies of the map for Edgewood Park was passed out to the Commissions and Superintendent Hroncich explained that there will be two (2) fields for 6 years of age and under and 8 years of age and under. Superintendent Hroncich stated that the ball park figure is \$200,000 and \$90,000 match by the Village. Park Chairperson Terranova asked, what will happen to the baseball fields, the baseball fields are up above, and (this is at the bottom). The vehicular entrance will be off Fox Island Road and the entrance on Alto Avenue will be closed.

Superintendent also informed the Commissions that the project at the Middle School is on the table for discussion.

B. Programs

ARC – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that the Saturday program is suspended for now, that we had someone who came in to pick up an employee application, but never returned.

IV. Old Business

Concession Stand – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that the Village is still waiting for the plans before they can move on this project (not to exceed 30 x 50), the Village Attorney stated that this language must be in the specifications. Superintendent Hroncich also stated that he spoke with Robert Vyskocil regarding the contract and was informed that PCYBL did receive the \$20,000 from the Village.

Budget – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that the preliminary budget shows a 5 percent decrease and a 17 percent increase in revenues. Park Chairperson Terranova asked Superintendent Hroncich what was item 8010 – Superintendent Hroncich stated it was for the secretary.

Columbus Park Supplies - The question was asked regarding Columbus Park Supplies, this is for the Summer Program at Columbus Park.

Concerts – Recreation Commissioner Turturino asked if they were not proposing anything for the concerts. Superintendent Hroncich stated that no, but that he had spoken with Latimer's office and they're putting in for \$5,000, and they would like to do this and is interested in getting it for us, but that there is paper work that needs to be filled out and it would be two (2) nights if a double or possibly three (3) single concert nights.

Special Citizens Camp – Recreation Commissioner Errigo asked about the Special Citizens Camp regarding the budget, he wanted to know if this was for the Saturday program, Superintendent Hroncich said no, that it was for the Camp for the month of July. Recreation Commissioner Errigo stated that he spoke with Mayor Pilla at the Boards and Commissions meeting. Superintendent Hroncich will bring up restoring the Saturday Program during the budget workshop session. Hroncich also reminded the Commissions that South East Consortium provides a bowling program and a wide variety of other programs that our ARC people are eligible and we pay \$22,000 to SEC.

VI. New Business

Bocce – Continuation from earlier discussion. Park Chairperson Terranova asked the question, how can we raise them from \$50.00 to \$400.00 (you can't raise them), Chairperson Terranova stated their argument would be, what is the Village doing for us. Recreation Commissioner Turturino stated we meet with them to raise their fees, but do it over the course of years. Park Chairperson Terranova stated that in a Rec program, Superintendent makes the fees, Parks don't make the fees. Locking the gate is a Park responsibility. Recreation Commissioner Errigos suggested then we raise them an additional \$35.00, Park Chairperson, we raise them an additional \$50.00 per team. Recreation Commissioner Errigo, if we're raising everything else then they should be hit with something. Park Chairperson Terranova, you can't lease out any part of a public park. The Park Commission doesn't support leaving the gate open and then the public can use the court. Recreation Commissioner Errigo, fairness across the board. Park Chairperson Terranova send them a letter, Superintendent Hroncich will call Larry and tell him the good news. Parks wants the gates open, keep gates unlocked. Recreation Commission, raise the fees, increase the fees from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per team.

South East Consortium (SEC) – Recreation Commissioner Errigo asked the question, if the ARC members were aware of the program through SEC, Superintendent Hroncich stated, yes they do, and they would have to contact SEC directly. Commissioner Errigo, can SEC reach out to them and let them know there is something else available. Superintendent Hroncich restated that several of our ARC people have participated since SEC was founded twenty-five (25) years ago, i.e., Frank Scarfone was the first person registered to SEC's first program

PCYBL – Superintendent informed the Commissions that PCYBL would like to have a night game at Lyon Park at the end of the season, sometime in June, for one night, should we or not? Park Chairperson Terranova stated that the Park Commissions approves the one night game at Lyon Park.

VII. Committee Reports

Baseball – Recreation Chairperson Kim Morabito informed the Commissions that the Dodge Ball tournament was successful, there were 14 teams and the Bushwhackers won, and registration is underway.

Entertainment – Recreation Commissioner Turturino stated the next Entertainment Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17. At the previous meeting Ang Rubino would be contacting the bands to discuss pricing, and they are defining who they want to come back and who they don't want back. They also determined that they want two downtown concerts to be back to back (2 nights) and that she gave Ang a list of businesses to contact for donations (about 24).

OTHER

"Babe" Gioffre – Park Commissioner Thalheimer read the letter that was sent to the Mayor and Board last year in April regarding the dedication of a baseball field in his name. Park Chairperson Terranova will sign the letter and call and schedule an appointment with the Mayor.

Camp Registration – Early Camp Registration is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th.

Cub Camp – The Commissioners were told that a letter from the Village Manager was sent to the Girl Scouts informing them that we will be using the Girl Scout House for Cub Camp.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th.

Submitted by,

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