

**Port Chester Recreation and Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009**

Meeting Began at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Alternate Rocco Plateroti, Mike Pinto, Dominic Bencivenga

Present: Park Chairperson Jerry Terranova, Fabiola Montoya, Connie Thalheimer,

Absent: Marie Martin, Park Commission

Excused: Lynn Errigo-Shields, Recreation Commission; John Reavis, Park Commission

The Recreation and Park Commission meeting was called to order by Park Chairperson Jerry Terranova.

I. Meeting Minutes – May 2009

The May minutes were voted on and passed with the following correction – change Marie Martin from absent and replace with Fabiola Montoya as absent.

II. Public View Points:

III. A. Meetings – No Comments

T. Cerreto – Entertainers Contract 05/19 – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that the Village is looking for a \$2 million insurance certificate of liability from each Entertainer, and that there are a lot of the other municipalities doing it. It was asked if he could give an explanation behind this. Superintendent Hroncich stated that the explanation is, if someone gets hurt in the band, they could sue the Village. Recreation Commissioner Turturino will write a letter for the next meeting to see if having a waiver releasing the Village be acceptable. The question was also asked if it could be \$1 million instead of \$2 million.

YAI 05/27 – Phyllis Duke from YAI stopped in to discuss having some of their residents attend the Special Citizens Summer Camp this year for the month of July. Recreation Commissioner Frank Errigo stated, there are more than one group home in the Village of Port Chester and wanted to know if she was representing one or all of them. Commissioner Errigo inquired about having a bus that would accommodate all of the campers, Superintendent Hroncich stated we have a bus from the Bus Bid that picks up and takes home each “Zimbo” camper.

South East Consortium – Personnel Matters 05/12 – the question was asked what was this about – Superintendent Hroncich stated it was regarding personnel and a money issue.

III. B. Programs

No discussions.

IV. Old Business

PCYBL Concession Stand – Superintendent Hroncich stated there was nothing more to report.

V. New Business

Skate Park – Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that it would cost between \$94,000 and \$130,000 (ball park figure) at Abendroth and this is open for discussion. This request is coming from the Mayor. Recreation Commissioner Tofano asked the question is it worth it to spend that kind of money, and how many do you think will use it; don't think the timing is right.

Recreation Commissioner Turturino stated that the Greenwich Skate Park is opened year round. Commissioner Tofano stated that White Plains is seasonal, summer time. Commissioner Turturino stated Greenwich closes for the months of January and February and that you can buy a pass. Another question was asked, can we do something else, convert an area or areas for a fitness course with stations. Commissioner Errigo suggested putting it at Crawford Park with paths and this would be a combined service. It was recommended that the Town of Rye to put the fitness station and we would pay for a course at Crawford Park for the fitness of both communities. A motion was made to proceed. Commissioner Tofano suggested having a tennis court. Members of the Recreation and Park Commission believe there is not enough interest to warrant building and maintaining a skate park in Port Chester and the few that want could go to near by Greenwich.

VI. Committee Reports

Baseball – Recreation Chairperson Morabito informed the Commissions that on Saturday, June 13th is the closing barbeque. Chairperson Morabito also informed the Commissions that Babe Ruth had a very small enrollment in the beginning of the season and decided to play in-house. They however ended receiving several late applications and a decision was being made as how the league would handle. All teams were scrimmaging each other at that time.

“Babe” Gioffre Dedication – Park Commissioner Thalheimer reported to the Commissions that she met with Superintendent Hroncich at Recreation Park and that she have an idea of where to set up and that she definitely want to do this at Recreation Park, possibly near the score board or bleaches to the left, she will meet again with her brothers and make sure it would be maintained and get pricing. It was also suggested that perhaps do a tournament if there is no financial support from the Village. Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissioners that since we've changed the location we will need to go back to the Board for approval for a different park. Commissioner Thalheimer will do a letter changing the location, get pricing and discuss with the Board and the Village Manager to see who's paying for what.

Entertainment Committee – Recreation Commissioner Turturino informed the Commissions that they had another meeting and that the Lyon Park and Downtown concerts were completed and they were working on Port Chester Day. The Commissioners were informed that they've allocated most of the money, there is a little left over, and that they would like to put down a dance floor in front of the Showmobile. The Commissioners were informed by Superintendent that we are getting the \$5,000 from Assemblyman Latimer and that it will go into the Trust and Agency Fund.

Port Chester Day – The Committee informed the Commissions that the Channel Surfers will be performing for Port Chester Day instead of Angelo Rubino's band.

VII. Correspondences – No discussions.

Other

Parkway Drive and Sidewalk - Commissioner Errigo informed the Commissioners that he saw Sgt. Vaccaro on top of the wall and suggested it could possibly be a walk-way. Perhaps we can get a grant (speak with Village Manager) to do sidewalk on top with a railing and on Parkway Drive in front of the church. Should we continue with this, and have Sgt. Vaccaro write a letter and the Commissions write a letter.

CCS Campership Program – if anyone is interested in making a contribution it would help to send a kid to camp.

Day Camp –as of now Day Camp registration is closed and we have a waiting list.

Council of Community Services Annual Meeting – will be on Thursday, June 18th at T&J Villagio.

Superintendent Hroncich informed the Commissions that Denise Colangelo from the Council of the Arts will be at the next meeting.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

Submitted by,

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