

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

Borough Hall

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by and the Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silent Reflection was observed, and roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Ed LaScala, Christine Christopoul Pete Sacco, Frank Pedone
Kathy Stack, John Circiu, Bob Thoma, Frank Catania
Absent Michael LaPorte, Brian Winters, Sarah Kelly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for September will be available for the November meeting.

RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Ciurciu

- **Football** Season is about halfway finished. All teams playing well. No issues to report, one injury of note, on the Junior team. He will recover fully in 3-5 weeks. One concussion occurred, the player was tested, and reached baseline so has been cleared to play again. Having the trainer on the field has been a success.

Soccer Report Alan Rowland Biggest concern is the amount of kids who did not sign up before the deadline, and therefore can not play. If they had signed up in time, we would have had the correct number of teams and accommodated more kids. Fields are not handling the great amount of rain very well. Alan has removed water many afternoons by himself. With budget the way it is, we can't ask DPW to add overtime.

A suggestion was made that the Committee recommend to the Council that next year Town Fair be moved to McBride Field. That would prevent damage to Muni field. Town Fair was held at McBride in the past, but was moved to Muni to accommodate fireworks. Since we haven't had fireworks for a few years, it would make sense to move it back to McBride. Another possibility would be to hold the fair on the street in front of Town Hall, and in the adjacent parking lots.

Field Use Fees Councilman Pedone will be introducing an ordinance to the Council to raise fees for outside organizations to rent our fields. Also in the ordinance will be a provision that the increased funds be kept in a separate fund, only to be used for field maintenance and upgrades. The proposed fees would be 250 dollars for the first 4 hours and 50 dollars for each subsequent hour with a maximum of 500.00 per day. Motion to support Councilman Pedone's ordinance was made by Pete Sacco, seconded by Frank Catania. Motion was unanimously approved.

