

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Monroe Joint Park Recreation Commission, June 24, 2013**

**The Monroe Joint Park Recreation Meeting was held at Smith Clove Park, 133 Spring St, Monroe, New York on the 24th day of June 2013.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Tony Cardone</b>	<b>Chairman (arrived at 8:10pm, departed at 9pm)</b>
	<b>John Battaglia</b>	<b>Adm. Chairman</b>
	<b>Ann Marie Morris</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Debbie Kohrs</b>	<b>Commissioner (arrived at 8:50pm)</b>
	<b>Mike Niemann</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Steve Pavia</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Joe Mancuso</b>	<b>Park Recreation Director</b>
	<b>Priscilla C. Chang- Staley</b>	<b>Park Secretary</b>
	<b>Paul Truax</b>	<b>Park Manager</b>

**ABSENT: Commissioner Rich Goldstein and Park Attorney Mathew Bennett**

Adm. Chairman John Battaglia called the meeting at 7:35 P.M, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Niemann

***Resolved, to approve the minutes of April 22, 2013. After two months having voted on the minutes, the minutes are approved.***

<b>Ayes: 4</b>	Battaglia, Morris, Niemann, Kohrs
<b>Nays: 0</b>	
<b>Abstain: 1</b>	Pavia

On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Niemann

***Resolved, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013. However, May's minutes will be voted on again in July.***

<b>Ayes: 3</b>	Battaglia, Morris, Niemann
<b>Nays: 0</b>	
<b>Abstain: 1</b>	Pavia

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**Privilege of the Floor – Public Concerns**

Having no public present, the Commission continued with the Agenda

**Security**

Juan Reyes, security guard for Atlas Security, was present. He stated no incidents to report. Mr. Mancuso previously spoke with Scott Perry, Vice President of Atlas Security, regarding reducing security hours. Commissioner Morris asked for more than one guard at the gate and requested that another guard should patrol the other areas of the park.

**Christine Tucker – Card Tournament**

Mr. Tucker spoke regarding a request to host Yu-Gi-Oh Tournaments in the park. He explained these tournaments would be held once a month, for one to two hours, either on a weekday or evening or weekend. The target amount of participants per event would be 10-20 children. Each child would be matched with an opponent and they would play each other using their cards. The children would keep track of their score in each game. Each game in the tournament would be five to ten minutes long; the best player who wins two out of three games would be the winner. In official tournaments, the winner receives a prize but he hasn't determined what the prize will be yet; he will discuss that issue with the parents. The plan is to advertise by word of mouth; not looking to advertise in the paper. He added that Yu-Gi-Oh is a game of strategy; in addition children would be learning reading comprehension, step-by-step directions, basic mathematics, social skills and good sportsmanship. Further discussion was had on this topic. Commissioner Morris asked if the players he has already contacted are Monroe residents. He didn't know definitively if they are. Further discussion was had on this topic. Commissioner Morris asked if parents are required to stay. Mr. Tucker said it's not required but will make arrangements to have more than adult present. There was a question about the age range they are looking to have participate. Mr. Tucker said in the official tournaments the age range is usually 14 and up but he expects to have younger players. Adm. Chairman Battaglia voiced concern that since he is not looking to advertise to the public, the impression is that this tournament is exclusive. Mr. Tucker answered that the goal is not to make it exclusive but to manage the participation until all possible problems are worked out. Adm. Chairman Battaglia asked when would you like to start. Mr. Tucker answered in July or August. Mr. Mancuso stated it can't start until school starts due to Park activities. Further discussion was had on the topic. The Commission decided to approve the request, provided the park manages the rules of the tournaments, days it will be held, etc. Mancuso will work with the applicants on agreeable times and will treat it as a Park sponsored event.

**Hockey Rink**

Mr. Truax stated he spoke with a vendor, Sport Tec, about the rink repair proposal; he received a quote of \$16,009 for resurfacing and crack repair. Mr. Mancuso added that the quote didn't specify details as to how the crack was going to be repaired; he's waiting for more info and will continue to follow up. Chairman Cardone suggested a Sport Court surface; he will follow up

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with more information. Tony Romagnino, President of Monroe Woodbury, asked how much the Commission is asking for as far as a financial commitment. The Commission stated they can't request a specific amount. Commissioner Morris commented that their enrollment has increased; how many of them are Monroe residents. Mr. Romagnino answered he's willing to work with Mr. Mancuso to definitively determine the amount. Commissioner Morris commented on the recent news report on Channel 12 where there was a feature about the league; the content of the report stated players were from out of the area. Further discussion was had on the topic. The discussion concluded that the Commission will continue to research the issue including getting quotes and more information about types of surfaces.

**Park Recreation Director Report**

As per Park Recreation Director Mancuso, he reported the following information to the Commission;

1. A copy of May minutes for approval (draft).
2. A copy of a list of YAC 2013 staff. A resolution is needed to approve the list.

On a motion made by Commissioner Pavia and seconded by Commissioner Niemann;

***Resolved, to accept the hiring of YAC staff as presented for the 2013 summer camp season. All staff must attend an orientation prior to the start of camp. Hire period is from July 1 2013 to August 9 2013. Positions include, a director, 2 assistant directors, a nurse, arts and craft instructor, pre-k leader, an activity director, 4 group leaders, a gate attendant and 28 counselors.***

***Ayes: 6*** Cardone, Battaglia, Morris, Pavia, Kohrs, Niemann

***Nays: 0***

3. A copy of the 2013 Picnic Schedule.
4. A copy ID's issued for the month of June; there were 42 new with 60 renewals.
5. A copy of the Park's Calendar for July.
6. The following event request requires approval:
  - a. The park is looking to host Zumba classes on the hockey rink. An instructor from Monroe business Younique will conduct the classes; a second instructor is needed when the enrollment size exceeds 40. \$75 for the instructor. Classes will be advertised in the paper for approximately nine weeks. Looking to have MOVAC on standby, as a medical precaution. Total amount requested is \$1,568.

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On a motion made by Commissioner Kohrs and seconded by Commissioner Niemann;

***Resolved, to approve Zumba Classes, to be held in the park for eight weeks, from July 10 – August 28, from 7-8pm, at a cost not to exceed \$1600***

***Ayes: 6*** Cardone, Battaglia, Morris, Pavia, Kohrs, Niemann  
***Nays: 0***

In other matters, Park Rec. Director Mancuso addressed the Commission regarding a child who normally resides out of state and is staying with a grandparent for the summer a Monroe resident; they are requesting permission to attend YAC. Further discussion was had on this topic. Commissioner Morris requested authorization from the parents giving the grandparent authority to make medical decision for the child and a point of contact just in case they need medical attention. The Commission recognizes that this request is different than a daytime babysitting situation for a child who lives just outside the Monroe boundaries but is watched by a Monroe resident.

**Park Manager Report:**

Park Manager Truax reported two poles on the basketball courts came down during a recent wind storm and will be replaced shortly. He also provided an update on the speed bumps; the village was unable to install them so he hired an outside company to complete it. He's waiting to have the yellow striping lines painted on top of the speed bumps which will be done tomorrow. There are cones in place temporarily until the speed bump signs are installed. Total cost is \$2,500.

The racquetball courts have been pressure washed and the graffiti has been removed. Adm. Chairman Battaglia requested quotes for the cleanup of the volleyball courts including re-sectioning/restriping the area.

**Old Business:**

The Commission readdressed the topic of signage that would advertise the Tommy Dowd Tournament which was previously requested by their Board. No new updates were known; no one has returned to the Commission to further discuss. Further discussion was had on the topic.

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss; the Commission continued with the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Pavia;

***to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 9:20pm.***

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*Ayes: 5* Battaglia, Morris, Pavia, Kohrs, Niemann  
*Nays: 0*

On a motion made by Morris and seconded by Niemann

*to exit from executive session and return to open session at 10:15 pm.*

*Ayes: 5* Battaglia, Morris, Pavia, Kohrs, Niemann  
*Nays: 0*

**Authorization for Motion to Approve and Pay the Bills**

On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Pavia;

*to approve and pay the bills.*

*Ayes: 5* Battaglia, Morris, Pavia, Kohrs, Niemann  
*Nays: 0*

**With no further business, on a motion from Kohrs seconded by Pavia, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm. Carried unanimously.**

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Priscilla C. Chang-Staley  
Park Secretary