

## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **Monroe Joint Park Recreation Commission, May 20, 2013**

**The Monroe Joint Park Recreation Meeting was held at Smith Clove Park, 133 Spring St, Monroe, New York on the 20th day of May 2013.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>John Battaglia</b>	<b>Adm. Chairman</b>
	<b>Ann Marie Morris</b>	<b>Commissioner (arrived at 7:40pm)</b>
	<b>Mike Niemann</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: Chairman Tony Cardone, Commissioners Debbie Kohrs, Rich Goldstein, Steve Pavia, Felipe Alvarez and Park Attorney Mathew Bennett**

Adm. Chairman John Battaglia called the meeting at 7:45 P.M, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Note: The Commissioners suspended the agenda, during #2 Approval of Minutes to discuss the topic of the #3 Privilege of the Floor – Public Concern & #6 Hockey Rink. Afterwards, the Commissioners returned to the agenda

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

*Resolved, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013. After two months having voted on the minutes, the minutes are approved.*

**Ayes: 3**      Battaglia, Morris, Niemann  
**Nays: 0**

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

*Resolved, to approve the minutes of April 22, 2013. However, April minutes will be voted on again in June.*

**Ayes: 3**      Battaglia, Morris, Niemann  
**Nays: 0**

#### **Privilege of the Floor – Public Concerns**

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Rick Molino and John Hess, representatives from the Monroe Woodbury Soccer Club, were present to thank the Commission for giving permission to their organization to host their registration in the park.

**Security**

Scott Perry, Vice President of Atlas Security was present. He reported on two incidents; the first involved a vehicle playing loud music. The matter was recorded in an incident report. The second involved security observing suspicious looking vehicle. This matter was referred to Monroe Police who then further investigated and arrested the occupants for drug possession. The Commissioner applauded security's efforts. Mr. Mancuso asked for one security person to be stationed by the racquetball court and more patrols at the "other end of the park." Mr Perry stated they will.

**Note: The Commissioners suspended the agenda, during #4 Security to discuss with Truax a bid package for the hockey rink. Afterwards, the Commissioners returned to the agenda**

After further discussion, the Commission concluded that benches will not be part of the bid package.

**Field 4**

Having no issues to discuss, the Commission continued with the Agenda

**Hockey Rink**

Tony Romagnino, Darren Melican and James Alcide, representatives from Monroe Woodbury Hockey League, were present to speak with the Commission. Mr. Romagnino distributed a rink repair proposal. He stated the current Roller Hockey Board is comprised of Monroe residents except for one. He also added the enrollment is approximately 82% Monroe residents and 18% non-residents; residency was determined based on mailing addresses. Residency is not strictly based on address, other factors are evaluated; the Board must review all applications to make sure they fit the residency criteria. Current enrollment is full to capacity with a waiting list. After discussion, the Commission requested that the MW Hockey League reevaluate their membership to ensure Monroe residents get first preference (for both children and adult leagues). Residency is not strictly based on address, other factors are evaluated; the Board must review all applications to make sure they fit the residency criteria. They also requested all Board members have Park IDs to which Mr. Romagnino responded they do. Finally the Commission suggested the league change the name back to Monroe Roller Hockey. The Commission reminded hockey that they only use the hockey facility at Smith's Clove Park and when the league was created, it was to be Monroe residents only. Mr. Romagnino said that he will take another look at enrollment and has already spoken with the Board about changing the name. The Commission added that they are still considering bids for the rink repair. Mr. Truax, who had two different quotes of approximately \$20,000 each, stated based on the amounts the project will go out to bid. The Commission asked the MW Hockey Board if they would consider giving a donation towards

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the cost of the project. Mr. Romagnino stated their Board has already considered it. Lastly the commission requested an update from the Board at next month's meeting. Mr. Molino, on a side note, asked if parents could help with fixing the benches by the rink. The commission explained parents can't help, due to insurance reasons.

**Park Recreation Director Report**

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

1. A copy of April minutes for approval (draft).
2. A copy of a claim for damages report, concerning a vehicle hitting a guardrail and telephone pole.
3. A copy of a list of YAC 2013 staff. Mr Mancuso asked the Commission to review the list.
4. A copy of the 2013 summer camp and programs ad.
5. A copy of a notice from the Orange County Youth Bureau, stating funding from the Bureau will no longer be automatically allocated to municipalities. The process will now be done as a competitive application. Based on the park's current programs, they may or may not meet the criteria, so in essence they may or may no longer receive it.
6. A copy of the Park's Calendar for June. Mr. Mancuso added that YAC's registration is coming up; he asked for help from the Commission to assist with the registration process.
7. A copy of request to place a sign in the park, advertising the Benefit Concert at Museum Village. Mr. Mancuso added that this is the same benefit concert that was held in the park last year. After discussion, the Commission declined the request.
8. A copy of correspondence to security regarding a noise complaint in the park; Mr. Mancuso asked security for them to increase patrols around the racquetball courts. Also, Mr. Mancuso asked Mr. Truax for "no skating signs" to be posted by the courts.
9. A copy of the 2013 Picnic Schedule.
10. A copy of the May Departmental Report for the Municipalities.
11. A copy ID's issued for the month of May; there were 17 new with 22 renewals.
12. A copy of correspondence to a Monroe resident, thanking them for their donation of a train table.

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In other matters, Park Rec. Director Mancuso readdressed the issue of a person, who has a park ID and was arrested for having drugs in his possession while in the Park. He asked what should be done about the person's ID; in addition he is waiting for more information regarding what the person was charged with. Further discussion was had on the topic. It was decided that a registered letter will be sent to his parents, requesting the card must be returned immediately.

Mr. Mancuso stated a seventh grade Monroe Woodbury School teacher is proposing to start a softball camp in the park. He is working with the teacher regarding the details of the camp; in addition he is looking to hire her as well as have her run the program. She is to come back to him with an outline; times, dates etc. In light of a recent request by our insurance carrier, a background check of the teacher was requested by the Board; he will proceed to do so.

Lastly, Mr. Mancuso talked about a parent who is requesting to start a Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament in the park. The park would be sponsoring the event as well as providing advertisement. Further discussion was had on the topic. The Commission decided for the parent to come to a meeting to do a presentation to explain the details of the tournament before they can make a decision.

**Park Manager Report:**

Park Manager Truax briefly reviewed reports that were distributed to the Commission: the monthly, fund balance and yearly reports. Trees were purchased and planted along the fence line on field 6 as a screen for neighbors. The chess table was placed under the trees in the playground area. The Franklin Ave playground is in good shape. Adm. Chairman Battaglia asked about the graffiti. Mr. Truax responded the seasonal employees have returned and will address it. Mr. Battaglia asked for an update on the installation of the speed bumps. Mr. Truax answered by stating quotes have been obtained but not finalized. He's looking to have it completed before YAC starts.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Morris asked if there was an status regarding signage advertising the Tommy Dowd Tournament which was previously requested by their Board. No new updates were known. Commissioner Niemann added that calls were made to the leagues regarding the enforcement of park policy, including no alcohol. Further discussion was had on the topic.

**New Business**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session required; the Commission continued with the agenda

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

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On a motion made by Commissioner Niemann and seconded by Adm. Chairman Battaglia;

*to approve and pay the bills.*

**Ayes: 3** Battaglia, Morris, Niemann

**Nays: 0**

**With no further business, on a motion from Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Niemann, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. Carried unanimously.**

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Priscilla C. Chang-Staley  
Park Secretary