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Monroe Joint Park Recreation Commission, April 22, 2013

The Monroe Joint Park Recreation Meeting was held at Smith Clove Park, 133 Spring St, Monroe, New York on the 22th day of April 2013.

PRESENT:	Tony Cardone	Chairman
	John Battaglia	Adm. Chairman
	Ann Marie Morris	Commissioner (arrived at 7:55pm)
	Debbie Kohrs	Commissioner (arrived at 7:40pm)
	Mike Niemann	Commissioner
	Joe Mancuso	Park Recreation Director
	Priscilla C. Chang- Staley	Park Secretary
	Paul Truax	Park Manager

ABSENT: Commissioners Rich Goldstein, Steve Pavia, Felipe Alvarez and Park Attorney Mathew Bennett

Chairman Tony Cardone called the meeting at 7:35 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 #5 Security. Afterwards, the Commissioners returned to the agenda

On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Cardone

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

Ayes: 3	Cardone, Morris, Kohrs
Nays: 0	
Abstain 2	Battaglia, Niemann

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

Resolved, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013. However, March minutes will be voted on again in May.

Ayes: 4	Cardone, Battaglia, Morris, Niemann
Nays: 0	
Abstain 1	Kohrs

Privilege of the Floor – Public Concerns

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Having no public present, the Commission continued with the Agenda.

Chris Scoto- Baseball Clinics

Matter was discussed during New Business. The Commission continued with the Agenda.

Security

Scott Perry, Vice President of Atlas Security was present. He reported on two different incidents. The first incident involved a windshield that was broken due to a popfly softball, during a game. The second incident involved someone that was approached by security because their vehicle was parked illegally. Security asked for their Park ID but the person refused. The situation further escalated where allegedly profanity was exchanged between the security and the person who was parked illegally. The police followed up with the plate number, contacted the individual and addressed the situation. Further discussion was had on the topic. Due to the nicer weather and longer daylight hours and increased activity, the Commission agreed to extend security presence in the park on Sunday's only until 9pm as a trial.

Park Recreation Director Report

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

1. A copy of March minutes for approval (draft).
2. A copy of correspondence to Village Board, regarding the revision of the 2013 Local Village Law #2 as well as support to the Board for their approval.
3. A copy of the final report for the annual Egg Hunt event. Mr. Mancuso recommended that additional help to oversee the operation of the event in the future is needed. He suggested the PBA organization. The Commission agreed to the suggestion and will work towards providing additional help, going forward.
4. A copy of correspondence to MOVAC thanking them for their assistance during the annual Egg Hunt event.
5. A copy of the final report for the Spring Scavenger Hunt.
6. A copy of two security incident reports. One of them involved illegally parking and refusing to show ID and other involved vehicular damage due to a high flying softball. Mr. Mancuso commented that the owner of the car called and alluded to compensation from the park. Mr. Mancuso told the gentleman he was welcome to come in and fill out an accident report and also referred the person to the league who traditionally is the responsible party for reimbursement.

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7. A copy of correspondence from Monroe Woodbury Hockey League President regarding an incident at the hockey rink, after their game ended. He (president Romagnini) provided recommendations as to how to avoid “unauthorized usage” of the hockey rink. The Commission further discussed the matter and concluded that the Park Id card holders can use the park, when not in use by a team or league.
8. A copy of the Park’s Calendar for May. Park’s meeting is going to be held on the 3rd Monday in May, due to Memorial Day
9. A copy of correspondence to the Tommy Dowd Memorial Foundation, informing them that their recent field application was approved. Mr. Mancuso noted that the letter also outlines conditions that must be met both prior to and during the event. A resolution is requested to approve the letter.
10. A copy of a 2013 spring class incident report outlining an informational letter to the parents of the “Mommy and Me” program. This letter is a response to a parent whose child attends the “Mommy and Me” program who were concerned about how often the toys are cleaned. Mr. Mancuso also added that he is still having difficulty with parents who arrive late to the classes. He previously sent a letter to the parents explaining the issue and how disruptive it is especially during circle time and the instructors brought it to his attention. Commissioner Morris was asked to mediate the situation with a particular parent who was not abiding to the policy.
11. A copy of the 2013 Picnic Schedule.
12. A copy of the April Departmental Report for the Municipalities.
13. A copy ID’s issued for the month of April; there were 6 renewals.

In other matters, Park Rec. Director Mancuso noted the Village Code was recently passed. Applicants for YAC employment are currently being received; a good amount of people have already applied. The Art teacher has recently resigned; for the duration of the session, Mr Mancuso is helping out as well as the current assistant. He requested assistance for the art class that will be held on the first Saturday in May, as that is the same day he will have a Park ID registration event. The Commissioner readdressed the issue of increasing security in the park on Sundays; it was decided that they will approve for just Sunday’s only.

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

Resolved, to extend security hours on Sunday’s only until 9pm?, effective Sunday April 28, 2013 until further notice.

Ayes: 5 Cardone, Battaglia, Morris, Kohrs and Niemann
Nays: 0

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Park Manager Report:

Park Manager Truax reported that the safety checks on the Franklin Ave playground have been completed. Field#4 is in good playing condition; a new pitcher's mound has been installed. The first fertilizer treatment is coming soon. Adm. Chairman Battaglia asked for the status of the installation of the speed bumps. He responded by stating he is waiting for the Village and will follow up. Chairman Cardone asked Mr. Truax to check on the recent patch to the hockey rink surface for cracks and patch wherever needed. He responded by stating he is looking to resurface the area after YAC ends, in August. He will start getting quotes and look at bidding the project.

Old Business:

Note: The Commissioners suspended the agenda, during #8 Old Business to discuss the topic of the hockey rink. Afterwards, the Commissioners returned to the agenda

Tony Romagnino, Monroe Woodbury Roller Hockey League President, arrived to speak with the Commissioners about a large group of people playing on the rink, after the game ends. Chairman Cardone explained that the public is entitled to use the rink with Park Id. The Commission readdressed the hockey rink surface issue; it was communicated to Mr. Romagnino that Mr. Truax will look into getting quotes for resurfacing as well as explore alternatives.

New Business

Commissioner Kohrs asked if Kim Holbrook, new owner of the concession stand "All Sports Café", can put a sign to reserve a parking space close to the stand. The Commissioners suggested placing a cone in the spot, as an alternative. Mr. Mancuso discussed the baseball clinic ideas proposed by Chris Scoto and Edgar Nieves from "Elite All Star Sports Facility, Goshen NY. He previously spoke with them about the issue and although was interested in his proposal explained that there is an existing program in place as well as went over the park's policies. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Scoto's program would be a duplicate of an existing one; the proposal was not approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Authorization for Motion to Approve and Pay the Bills

On a motion made by Commissioner Niemann and seconded by Adm. Chairman Battaglia;
to approve and pay the bills.

Ayes: 5 Cardone, Battaglia, Morris, Kohrs and Niemann
Nays: 0

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With no further business, on a motion from Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Niemann, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Carried unanimously.

Priscilla C. Chang-Staley
Park Secretary