

**POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH
RECREATION COMMISSION
MAY 14, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 8:44:56 pm**

ATTENDEES:

**Joe Mazza – Chairman
Mo Martin – Co/Chairperson
Nina Biggs – Commissioner Member
Ken Fischer – Commissioner Member
Sandra Larson – Commissioner Member
Chris Leitner – Council Member/Liaison**

Also in attendance:

**Mayor Martin Konkus
William Dikun
Scott Conklin
Karen Haycook - Superintendant
Liz Hirschel – Recreation Secretary**

- Call To Order

This regular meeting of the Point Pleasant Recreation Commission was called to order by the Co/Chairperson in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law. This meeting was advertised in two newspapers and notice was posted in the Recreation Center and Borough Hall. The Recreation Commission reserves the right to go into Executive Session.

- Roll Call taken.
- Approval of Minutes from April meeting.

Mrs. Martin asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes which was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Larson. All in favor.

- **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs. Martin asked if anyone had any issues to address for Public Session and being there were none, Public Session was closed.

- **LIAISON REPORTS**

COUNCIL

Mr. Leitner advised that the fencing at the Recreation Center is moving forward and that Mr. John Kaklamanis is covering that matter and will provide a detailed report. Further requested that the Proposed Alternates List be provided to him so he can submit them to Council for approval and suggested that work begin on the next series of Budgets to get those done and approved and soon as possible.

Mrs. Martin then asked Mr. Leitner to please provide Mr. Kaklamanis with a copy of the notes from the last meeting so that he has accurate information to present to Council. She further stated that in some of the Council Meetings that she has presided in, the information that is being reported by Mr. Kaklamanis are not accurate. Mr. Leitner then requested that the Minutes of April(s) meeting, as well as the Minutes from this May meeting be emailed to him, which Liz Hirschel the new Recreation Secretary agreed to provide to him. Mr. Leitner then acknowledged that he would get both to Mr. Kaklamanis.

Mrs. Martin then asked if there was anything else that needed to be addressed by Council and Councilman Dikun stated that there were none.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Biggs wanted to know if Council received the email she sent with the Proposal from Falconetti which outlined the cost to cut the Baseball field? (Mrs. Biggs then referenced a 50/70 cut) Mr. Leitner stated that he was not sure what was happening with that, but thought that was moving forward, at which time Mrs. Biggs stated that she would email that to him again for his review. Mr. Leitner then commented that he thought there were previous discussions about using some of the Trust Fund for that. Mrs. Biggs then stated that was what they were trying to ascertain, but didn't know much more than that. She further commented that she believes that some of the Trust money might have been going towards the Dugouts, but didn't know if they were OK or not? Mr. Conklin then said they were fine and that they all met Handicap requirements.

Mrs. Martin then asked if she had to re-submit the List of Proposals with an outline of what they would like to use the Trust Funds for, and Mr. Leitner then responded that it would be a good idea for Mrs. Martin to email that again to the Committee so that Council gets it for review.

(Some discussion between Chairpersons and Commissioners about different aspects of the baseball field, i.e. bases and repairs are going on)

Mrs. Martin then states that she will email the Trust Fund Proposal List along with the Falconetti Proposal to Mr. Leitner again. Mrs. Martin then commented that the last day of the regular school season is Monday, June 22, and that Graduation for the High School students is that same night. Further stated that on Friday, June 19 is Middle School Promotion, and requested that all Members mark their Calendars, because it is going to be a busy week. Mrs. Martin stated that as Representatives of the Recreation Commission, we have an obligation to get the word out about the Middle School field because there are only 2 weeks left to vote on get funding for that project. Mrs. Martin then asked what is the cost to get small signs like the political signs that are posted around town during Elections? Mr. Leitner responded that they would not be cost effective. Mrs. Martin commented that in comparison to some of the other schools she said that we are in the middle with approx. 2,500 votes and that the leader has close to 10,000. Mr. Leitner suggested with the time allotted it would be wise to use word of mouth or emails to try to generate more response to this matter. Mrs. Martin wanted to know from Mr. Mazza if there is wireless or internet access at the Point Baseball field? Mr. Mazza stated he did not believe think so. Mrs. Martin stated that what she was thinking was the possibility of bringing a laptop computer to the field, to allow people access to the website so they could cast their votes?

(Conversations among Members about various ways of getting internet access are discussed).

Mrs. Biggs further commented that even if there isn't any internet access, with so much going on there like the 5th grade band and chorus practice, and other concerts coming up, that it would be a good idea to go there with pen and paper and get people to vote.

PPYBSA

Mrs. Martin then moved on to the next item on the Agenda which is the PPYBSA and Mr. Conklin said that at the last meeting discussions came up about upgrading Lily Field and hopes that Council will move forward with that. Mr. Conklin further commented that the electric was being installed on their sign by the end of the week, and aside from that he stated that they were overall impressed with the aeration that was completed on the field and that it was very nice.

PT. PLEASANT RECREATION SOCCER/TRAVEL SOCCER

Mrs. Martin then asked what was going on with Recreation Soccer? Mr. Conklin said that one thing of importance was use of Community Park field which is bordering on poor conditions from the center to each end of the goals. Mr. Conklin further commented that he personally went to the Park to fill the holes with sand and noticed that the turf is sparse and was not sure if it was a maintenance or fertilizing issue, but acknowledged that it does get a lot of use from the general public as well as from the travel clubs. Mr. Conklin went on to say that something needs to be done with that field in the off season otherwise it could potentially become an eyesore.

Mrs. Biggs asked Mr. Conklin if something could be done during the summer, because a lot of camps go there? Mr. Conklin said that the Riverfront project needs to be fixed and completed so that some of the burden can be alleviated by using that Park and/or field. Also stated that with Community Park when it rains even if we don't play, it doesn't mean that the Park is closed, so then you have the Travel Clubs, and others playing Baseball, Football and Soccer, tearing up the fields and lacking respect. Several Members comment that is the time when the Police should intervene, and further discussions between members about how many people use it at one time, some stated 10. Then Mr. Conklin stated that the other day he had seen up to 30 adults, most of which are not from this Community were playing there while (2) Softball games were trying to go on. Mr. Fischer wanted to know if Mr. Kaklamanis had been notified and whether it was brought to the attention of Town Council for enforcement? Mr. Dikun commented that by the look of consternation on their faces it was not. Mayor Konkus wanted to be informed about what was going on and Mrs. Martin stated that at the last (2) meetings or so, it was brought to our attention that there have been groups of 10 people and more playing at Community Park without permits. Mrs. Martin went on to say that Councilman Kaklamanis told her to call the Police, because it is their responsibility to remove them. She further commented that nothing has been done, because the other night she noticed a group of men playing on the field while a Softball game was in progress. Mrs. Biggs then wanted to know what can be done to get that Ordinance enforced, and how Council plans on rectifying that matter? Mayor Konkus stated that people who are authorized to use the Park on a specific day and specific time, should have their rights to do so protected and that the Police should be enforcing that.

(Several Members discuss use and permitting issues with respect to Community Park access).

Mayor Konkus then commented that Council would have to meet to come up with recommendations, at which time several members agreed and asked that it be done.

Mr. Leitner states this is the first he is hearing about this, and was not sure what type of enforcement powers we would have to give someone a ticket or violation for using the field without permission. Mr. Leitner then asked if the Members had any suggestions or ideas to please email them to him. He further stated that he would research the rules, he will talk to the Chief of Police, and discuss it with the Committee to then decide which will be the best approach to deal with this problem.

Mr. Conklin comments that the biggest issue the Travel Clubs are going to have with this is that we are required to get permits to use these fields and Mrs. Haycock graciously allows us to use the fields sometimes (2) days during the week for practice, and on other days when we are not authorized to use those fields and large groups show up at the facilities we would get thrown off and as tax payers, and as an organization believes is not fair. He further commented that he does try to follow the rules and is constantly asked by the Coach “why can’t we use the field”? Says they would love to use the fields too and that we are being prevented from doing so.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Martin asks for Mr. Mazza to continue with the Committee Reports:

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any Personnel Reports? There were none.

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any Finance Reports? There were none.

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any Beach Reports? There were none.

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any Program Reports? Mrs. Martin responded that a meeting is planned for the second week in June with the (2) Guidance Counselors at the Middle School as well as the Social Worker to come up with some programming specifically geared for that age group to supplement the clubs that are missing at the School, but that they will have to wait for testing and IP to finish.

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any Buildings & Grounds Reports? Stated it is handled by Warren and Dennis. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Mazza asked if there were any By-Law Reports? There were none.

- **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

AUTHORIZATIONS

Mrs. Martin asked Mrs. Haycock what the stars (*) next to the names on the Motion to Hire Summer Recreation Employees Resolution Report represents? Mrs. Haycock responded that they are her internal reminders. Mrs. Haycock then asked whether there were any questions on the first item which is Authorizations? Mrs. Larson then asked if the Volleyball issue got on and Mrs. Haycock responded that “No” it did not. Mrs. Martin then stated that it was strange that in 2007 Summer Camp Fees were \$535, then in 2008 it was \$535 and wondered why it was OK to raise it \$100 then, and that in 2009 they couldn’t raise it a mere \$17 so we would not have to use Trust Funds? Mr. Mazza asked if the Members had any other discussions that needed to be addressed with regards to the Authorizations? There were none.

Mr. Mazza moved on to the next item and asked if any Members had any questions for the Superintendent about the Trust Account Balance Sheet dated as of May 14, 2009? Mrs. Biggs started off by asking about the (1st) Trust Account and what happened to the \$30K that was reported in the account last Tuesday(s) meeting? Mrs. Haycock said that was her understanding as well, but that according to her records these are the current balances for both accounts. Starting with the (1st) Trust, if you deduct the encumbrances of \$5,462.05, then deduct the \$13,300 dedicated for the 2009/2010 Preschool year, the \$3,650 which was just allocated for the 2009 Summer Camp Program and the \$1,790 dedicated for this 2008/2009 Preschool year, you get a balance of \$11,383.20. Mrs. Biggs wanted to know if Council was aware that the balance was substantially less than they thought they had? Mrs. Haycock responded that she believed they did. Mrs. Martin then asked if Mrs. Judy Block could provide the Committee with a detailed report of the expenditures for that Trust Account? Mrs. Haycock said that if the Committee wanted her to provide that information she could do so, but if they wanted that to come from Mrs. Block directly, then they would have to ask her. Mrs. Martin stated that she wanted to see exactly what was spent in that Account, and Mrs. Haycock responded “we all know the answer to that”.

Mr. Mazza then asked Mr. Leitner about the List that was provided approx. (2) weeks ago and wondered if that made it to the table or if it was ignored? Mr. Leitner said it was not ignored, but but it also did not make it to further discussion. He further confirmed that it was brought to the table, but that with the new numbers on the Trust Account Balance Sheet, the list is something that is going to have to be re-visited, because it is something that may not be feasible anymore. Mrs. Larson stated that this money should not have been spent at all. Mr. Mazza reiterated that there was never a necessity to spend this DCA money at will, and at this point he thinks a recommendation needs to be made, not to allow any more of these funds to be frivolously spent on campaigns, or anything else for that matter that doesn't pertain to Recreation. That the \$11k is a far cry from what was in the Account and the bleeding needs to stop now, especially since this Committee was specifically instructed on how and what to use the money for.

Mr. Mazza further stated that everything this Committee tries to do for the Community seems to fall on deaf(s) ear. Continued by saying that when Trenton comes looking for answers about the expenditures for a Trust Account that this Committee is responsible for by Statute, it is the Members of this Committee who will be responsible to provide the answers to those questions, not the people who are haphazardly spending this money, and that he for one is very uncomfortable with that. Mr. Mazza stated that there might have been some previous discussions with Council Members and the people in Trenton, and believes he may have to go to Trenton himself as part of this Commission to speak out about these issues, because this is a severe liability and in accordance with the Statute he has to be able to account for the funds, which is something he can not do, because he honestly does not know where the money went. So it is imperative that we get the detailed list of the expenditures for this Account, and as a Committee we just can't sit here and be satisfied with the answers that they give us about how this money was spent. Mr. Mazza stated again that he will spend the day in Trenton if he has to, to explain his position and make sure that we are not held accountable for something we did not know about. It is Mr. Mazza(s) position, that he and another Member of the Committee as well as Mr. Leitner who is the Liaison sit down to find out what happened with this money. Because according to the Statute if he has to explain it to somebody he better know what he is talking about. Mr. Leitner stated that we need to go over the numbers to get everyone on the same page, and to also get the Committee(s) recommendations about what they would like to do in the future with the rest of the Trust Fund.

Mrs. Martin wanted to know if the Finance Committee should take the lead in that? Mr. Mazza said that maybe under New Business, a Motion to Freeze Spending can be implemented. He further stated that this has been done in the past and that it needs to be done now, because this is public money that has just disappeared. He further commented that he is sure there is proper accounting, but there was never any accountability to us as a Commission.

Mrs. Haycock stated that this has been going on for a year and whether anyone agrees on how it was spent is irrelevant, because everyone knows that \$30(+)-K was spent on a wrestling program, \$30(+)-K on re-surfacing the inside gymnasium floor, \$10(+)-K on gymnasium equipment, new basketball courts inside and outside.....Mr. Mazza interjected by saying he is not questioning how it was spent, but that it was spent without the guidance and approval of this Commission. He further noted to Mrs. Haycock that he is sure her books are 199% in order, but about how the money was spent without the Commissions recommendation and oversight, that is why this Commission is in place and if this Commission is not going to be used for that, then what are we all doing here and maybe we should be disbanded? Continued his comments by saying that this Commission is made up of volunteers who willingly give of their time to do the right thing for this Community, and who basically feel ignored. And as a Governing body when we say we want to do something for the community, the Government seems to do what they want anyways. So as far as he can see they are basically being used for the advancement of other people(s) political agendas and not for Recreation purposes. Further noted that it is very sad and disheartening especially for the amount of time that everyone puts into this.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Mrs. Martin wanted to compliment Mr. Clerzio for once again sponsoring summer music in the park. Mrs. Martin asks Mrs. Haycock how long does the Summer Program run? Mrs. Haycock said she was not sure, but that it is approx. 6 to 8 weeks. Mr. Mazza asked if the time line will be given at the time of registration and Mrs. Haycock said yes of course. Mr. Mazza complimented Mrs. Haycock for another year of great Summer Programs (even with all the other distractions). Mr. Mazza moved to the (3) Resolutions: Motion to Hire Summer Recreation Employees, Motion to Hire Lifeguards and Motion for Additional Concession Workers: which Mrs. Haycock confirmed had already been approved by Council. Mrs. Haycock stated that the Commission needs to take a vote on the Resolutions and Mr. Mazza asked why if they have already been hired and approved? Mrs. Haycock said that it needs to be noted on the record. Mr. Mazza then read the Resolution in its entirety, and asked for a vote on the Motion to Hire Lifeguards:

RECORD OF VOTE							
	MRS. BIGGS	MRS. MARTIN	MR. FISCHER	MR. MAZZA	MRS. LARSON	MR. PLUM	MR. VITKAUSKIS
YES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
NO							
ABSENT						✓	✓
ABSTAIN							

Mrs. Martin asked Mrs. Haycock when do you start manning the Beaches? Mrs. Haycock said that we open the Beaches around the same time that school lets out around June 21st. Mrs. Haycock then stated that the Commission does not have to vote on the Motion/Resolution to Hire Additional Concession Workers because that is a Council matter.

Mr. Mazza then proceeded to read the Resolution/Motion to Hire Summer Recreation Employees in its entirety. He then asked if any Members had any questions or discussions about the Employee(s)? Mrs. Martin asked Mrs. Haycock how long has Mr. William White been a Tennis Instructor to merit \$25.25 per hour? Mrs. Haycock said that he has been there as long as she has and she has been there approx. 24 years, so he must be there at least 24 years if not longer.

RECORD OF VOTE							
	MRS. BIGGS	MRS. MARTIN	MR. FISCHER	MR. MAZZA	MRS. LARSON	MR. PLUM	MR. VITKAUSKIS
YES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
NO							
ABSENT						✓	✓
ABSTAIN							

Mr. Mazza then asked Mrs. Haycock about the Budget she had mentioned previously, and she said that last night she handed a copy of the Proposed Summer Budget to the Committee so that they could look at them and approval them, but that was not done and that she received criticism about that and wanted to know if the Members had any questions about the Summer Budget, because even though Council has approved them, as the Board they have the right to have an opinion and make them known. Mr. Mazza asked if anyone had any comments they would like to make on the Budget, because he was not at the last meeting. Mrs. Biggs asked if they were different from the ones they previously received and Mrs. Haycock said only with respect to the Summer Camps, otherwise everything is the same. Mrs. Biggs suggested that they take them home to review, but Mrs. Haycock reiterated that a vote needs to be taken. Mrs. Martin then wanted to know if it needs to be approved as a whole or if they can take a vote and Mrs. Haycock said they can choose whatever they want to do.

Mr. Mazza then asked for a Motion to Approve provided that Mrs. Haycock presents a copy of the last meeting for review. Mrs. Martin then stated that she can not approve or make a Motion to Approve as did Mr. Mazza. He went on to tell Mrs. Haycock that the problem they are having is that the numbers are different than what they were shown originally and no one on the Commission is willing to make a Motion. Mrs. Martin then stated that she would agree to a Motion to Approve the Pt. Pleasant Summer Recreation Schedule for all programming except for Summer Full Day Camp, Half Day Camp and Kindercare. Mr. Mazza then confirmed that the Motion would be to Approve the Budget as it was originally presented by the Superintendent, without the items that were approved by Council. Mrs. Martin acknowledged that to be correct, made the Motion, Mrs. Larson agreed to second the Motion, and Mr. Mazza asked for a vote to be taken:

RECORD OF VOTE							
	MRS. BIGGS	MRS. MARTIN	MR. FISCHER	MR. MAZZA	MRS. LARSON	MR. PLUM	MR. VITKAUSKIS
YES		✓	✓	✓	✓		
NO							
ABSENT						✓	✓
ABSTAIN	✓						

Mrs. Haycock then stated that a Resolution needed to be done and a vote had to be taken to officially hire Elizabeth Hirschel as the new Recreation clerk. Mr. Mazza confirmed that Mrs. Martin made the Motion to Hire “Liz Hirschel” as the Secretary and Clerk for the Commission and a second by Mr. Fischer. Mrs. Haycock stated that the annual salary for this position would be \$1,685 and that this amount would be paid out of the Operating Expense Account and not the Trust Account. Mr. Mazza then asked for a vote to be taken:

RECORD OF VOTE							
	MRS. BIGGS	MRS. MARTIN	MR. FISCHER	MR. MAZZA	MRS. LARSON	MR. PLUM	MR. VITKAUSKIS
YES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
NO							
ABSENT						✓	✓
ABSTAIN							

At this time, Mrs. Haycock said that she was finished with her reports.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

RIVERFRONT PARK ZONING STATUS

(Please note – Mrs. Biggs was speaking in a very soft voice, which made some of her discussion hard to hear and/or understand)

Mrs. Biggs addressed concerns about the drainage heads, but noted that after speaking with Bob Forsythe he confirmed that the drainage heads had been covered. Further discussed how Riverfront Park and Community Park will be more accessible than first anticipated to allow for more areas where kids can practice or do other activities. Mr. Mazza asked Mrs. Biggs if there had been any discussions in her meetings about trying to dedicate certain properties for certain Programs? Mrs. Biggs said yes, and that there were some discussions about the probability that Community Park would have to be closed down, based on what they were hearing for a while. That maybe it could be dedicated and rotated, but that was not what they were initially recommending. She further commented that right now they have Baseball, Softball, Soccer and Travel Soccer up and running.

Mr. Mazza wanted to know if Mrs. Biggs had spoken to anyone at Pop Warner? Mrs. Biggs said that she spoke to Jim Mayfield about meeting up with him (several Members have conversations that overlap with Mrs. Biggs, making it hard to understand what she was saying). Mr. Mazza stated that he was interested in what they had to say and Mrs. Biggs commented that they were leaning towards allowing them to go towards the Beach.

Mrs. Martin said that Chris emailed her a copy of the soil report and that she forwarded that to Jeff(s) wife at Rutgers for review and recommendations. But other than that she said the soil quality was very good. Mrs. Martin told the Committee Members that Holty is the name of the builders that built the Condos. She mentioned that she would like to see if the Community could donate a few dollars, plants, materials and/or supplies and Mrs. Biggs suggested that a list for specific wants, needs or use be prepared. Mr. Fischer commented that he would like to see the Committee work with Holty Homes to see what they can come up with for Riverfront Park. He also wanted to thank Mr. Leitner for his help.

Mrs. Martin noted that Travel Baseball has no where to go and that they do not have a home in Pt. Pleasant. Mr. Fischer noted that this particularly affects the older levels. Mrs. Biggs commented that this is very sad and that it is very hard on the kids. Mrs. Martin also noted that there is currently no where for the kids to practice Baseball on a baseball field. (Several Members go into discussions about who uses the fields at Pop Warner, Nellie Bennett, Kennel Lakes and Ocean Road). Mrs. Biggs wanted to know what is the status on Ocean Road? Mrs. Martin said that it would be open in the fall.

(Several Members continue their separate discussions about different fields around town and who is using them).

Mr. Fischer then wanted to know about using the Varsity field? Mr. Mazza responded that they had opened it up a little bit, but that the Varsity team has a pretty heavy schedule as well. Mr. Fischer said that it is the first choice for the Jersey Shore League and the Pt. Pleasant Merchants who seem to be monopolizing it. Mr. Fischer continued his comment by saying that practically everyone on the roster come from surrounding areas, with the exception of maybe (1) person who might be a Borough resident. Said that as tax payers, the residents of this Community should be able to use the fields and that it has been an ongoing problem for years now.

Mrs. Biggs wanted to know from Mr. Fischer if Travel Baseball usually plays on Saturday(s) or Sunday(s) and Mr. Fischer said Sunday. Mrs. Martin wanted to know if a phone call needs to be made to Mr. Larkin to limit the time and day that people can use the fields? Mr. Mazza said with respect to the Traveling Clubs yes and that it should be sent to Mr. Larking in writing, followed up with a phone call, or even with someone going to his office to hand deliver the letter to him personally, because there are currently local Borough organizations who have put in a request to use the fields and they should have precedence over any out of town adult leagues. Mr. Mazza said that we do actually have (1) Pt. Pleasant Jersey Shore team in that league called the "Pirates" and they are a very young team and noted they get bumped from the field by the Merchants sometimes, and said that they are more than welcome to use the beautiful Toms River facilities as far as he is concerned.

ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONER – DENNIS VITKAUSKIS

Mr. Mazza started by reading some correspondence he received about Mr. Vitkauskis concerning his recent lack of attendance, and in the letter it addresses the article in the By-Law(s) that

specifically states that “a Member shall attend all regular and special meetings and that any Member who misses (3) consecutive meetings shall be notified in writing, which was done, and mentioned at the next meeting, which is tonight, that a vote can be taken by the other Commissioners to remove the absent Commissioner. Mr. Mazza assumes that Mr. Vitkauskis has received all the correspondence, because he has received correspondence about the correspondence. He further acknowledged that yes, Mr. Plum has been out, that Mr. Plum has been in contact at minimum once a month to let Mr. Mazza know he will not be able to attend a meeting, and that he can make himself available if he is needed to make a quorum. He gets absolutely no response or call from Mr. Vitkauskis and that is what bothers him. Mr. Mazza comments that all of us have jobs, family and other responsibilities that force us to miss meetings, and that’s understandable. But the lack of communication leads us to believe that Mr. Vitkauskis does not want to be a part of this Committee, and Mr. Mazza states that he has heard through third parties that there could possibly be family medical problem going on, but doesn’t understand why Mr. Vitkauskis can’t pick up a phone and call the Superintendent or anyone of us for that matter. I know that with the previous secretary there was correspondence mailed back and forth, so there is no reason for this. He went on to say that there have been several instances where meetings have had to be cancelled because we didn’t have a quorum and a simple phone call to reach out to another Member would have been appreciated and something needs to be done about this. Mrs. Larson confirmed that she saw Mr. Vitkauskis at the bike sale, which happened to be the same day as the Dedication for Dick Blake, and he told her that he didn’t have time to get to the Dedication. Mrs. Larson further commented that she has (3) children who have all had their bikes stolen and she made the time and effort to get to the Dedication at the Rec Center, because it is part of her obligation to the Committee. Mr. Vitkauskis also told her that he was intending on resigning and that he was going to speak to the Mayor, because his mother is elderly, and he is torn by his responsibilities to her and other things that he has to do. At which time Mrs. Larson asked for his phone number and contact information and said that he did not want to give it to us.

Mrs. Larson then asked Mayor Konkus if Mr. Vitkauskis has called him about resigning and the Mayor said yes he had, and that he encouraged him not to resign until he had a chance to sit down with him to discuss the details of his situation. Mrs. Larson then told Mayor Konkus that he will not be able to attend the next couple of meetings, that it wouldn’t be fair because he will not be able to meet his obligations, and that he was upset we took this course of action, and explained that it’s not that difficult to take this type of action when you are not able to have a quorum or participate in this Committee. Mayor Konkus stated that Mr. Vitkauskis approached him at the last Budget meeting which was Tuesday night and told him to hold off on taking any action until they have a face to face discussion about his personal matters. Mrs. Larson said that it had to do with his mother, because she lives out of town, aside from that he does not have a cell phone and he does not use email correspondence. Mr. Mazza said he recently received his contact information. Mrs. Biggs asked if Mr. Vitkauskis was at the Budget meeting on behalf of the Recreation Committee or as a citizen and Mrs. Larson said he was there as a citizen. Mayor Konkus acknowledged that there is something about Thursday nights that demands his attention with his mother. Mrs. Larson said that he is out there several nights a week and that if he can’t meet his obligations once a month, then he should step down. Mr. Leitner then commented that he spoke to Mr. Vitkauskis at the Budget meeting as well, and noted that this Committee had made recommendations at previous meetings to take care of this internally, and that maybe there were comments made by Council that compelled this Committee to send those letters and Mr. Mazza said that it was just the next step, because they did talk about it, left the door open, but Mr. Vitkauskis never did anything about it. Mr. Mazza said that he’s sorry for his personal problems,

but if he can attend Budget meetings and Council meetings, but can't pick up a phone to contact this Committee, then that is a problem. (Other Members weigh in about communicating with other members about meetings and that this problem has been going on for months). Mrs. Larson said that the first time anyone even heard anything about his feelings was when he stood up at the Council meeting and said he was upset and embarrassed. Mrs. Larson said that Mr. Vitkauskis is a grown man that should be well aware of his responsibilities and show respect for others. Mr. Mazza said that he admires Mr. Vitkauskis' commitment to public service, but if you are appointed to a Commission, that should be your priority over other public meetings. Mr. Fischer then wanted to know how much longer this is going to go on, before something is done about it?

Mr. Leitner asked the Members if Mr. Vitkauskis received a copy of the By-Laws and several Members said that he is on the By-Laws Committee and that he even made recommendations on some of the By-Laws. Mr. Fischer then asked Mayor Konkus if there was any reason why he wanted to prolong this any further and the Mayor responded that "No there was no reason", but wanted to explain why he wanted Mr. Vitkauskis on the Board, and it was because at last years meeting with the DCA they had made recommendations to try and appoint people with diverse backgrounds to cover multiple spectrums and provide different points of view and appreciated Mr. Vitkauskis for volunteering for that position, because he was the first person to do so. (Several Members tell Mayor Konkus that this is not a personal issue with Mr. Vitkauskis, but it's more of an issue about obligation and duty to the Commission). Mrs. Biggs then asked Mayor Konkus what was it that he was trying to encompass and Mayor Konkus commented to Mrs. Biggs that even when he considered appointing her, he considered all the aspects that her background could bring to the Committee that no one else had. Mrs. Biggs then asked Mayor Konkus if he had any other choices that could bring the type of diversity that he is looking for and who would be interested in serving? Mayor Konkus stated that he did and that he would look further into the matter.

Mr. Fischer then asked for a Motion to Remove Mr. Vitkauskis and Mrs. Larson asked Mayor Konkus if the Motion passes would Council have the final say in removing him or not? Mayor Konkus said he knows that it is in the By-Laws but that he was not sure the Statute backs that up, because he is not sure that the Board has legal authority to remove an appointed entity. Mr. Fischer then asked Mayor Konkus if the Board could make the recommendation to move forward with him as the Mayor and he said yes. Mayor Konkus further stated that he spoke to Jerry Dasti about the process and that he will call the Mayor when he gets back from Florida to go over the procedures to ensure that it is done properly. Mr. Mazza commented that in Title 40.12 which outlines the duties of the Board of Recreation Commissioners, but it really doesn't address anything about the By-Laws and which are well into antique stage and probably come from the State on how to set up the Recreation Commission from the 1970(s) indicates that that is one of the duties of the Board and it is interesting that the Mayor can make the appointment, yet the Commission could negate or invalidate that appointment based on a By-Law. Mayor Konkus stated that when he visited the DCA it came out that the Ordinance on the Recreation Commission was revised in the 1930(s) from the 1910 Ordinance and there have been a lot of changes since that confuse the issue.

Mrs. Larson commented that the more vacancies there are, the less work we can accomplish and Committees do not run smoothly this way, that it puts a burden on the volunteers, because they have an obligation to be here, otherwise there would not be a quorum. Continued her comment by saying that it has taken months to create them, and again if it's going to take months to get rid

of them and re-appoint someone else, it will just be the (5) of them alone again. Mrs. Larson then asked for a Motion to follow the recommendation to remove Mr. Vitkauskis immediately for his lack of attendance and to replace him with someone who is willing to participate in the Commission as soon as possible. Mayor Konkus said that he will speak to Mr. Vitkauskis and if he can not return immediately then he would ask him to step down.

Mr. Mazza then officially asked for the Motion which was made by Mrs. Larson, seconded by Mrs. Biggs, Mr. Mazza then asked that a vote be taken:

RECORD OF VOTE						
	MRS. BIGGS	MRS. MARTIN	MR. FISCHER	MR. MAZZA	MRS. LARSON	MR. PLUM
YES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NO						
ABSENT						✓
ABSTAIN						

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Mr. Leitner asked for the list of proposed names so he can present them to Council for consideration. Mrs. Biggs said that Candy or Brian Blake would make good candidates and that Mrs. Blake has a diverse background as a Teacher and Coach. Mr. Mazza said that he was sure he had already emailed a short list of potential names and several Members confirmed that he had. Mrs. Larson commented that he had submitted a list with approx. 5 or 6 names several months ago. Mr. Mazza stated that he would re-distribute the list with contact information to all the Members and to the Mayor as soon as possible.

Mr. Mazza then asked Mayor Konkus how would the Committee involve the Alterate Members? Mayor Konkus responded that you would have an Alternate #1 and Alternate #2, and in the event we were missing one full voting Member, then Alternate #1 would become a voting Member and Alternate #2 would be able to give input but not vote. He continued by saying that if (2) Commissioners or more were missing then both Alternates would become voting Members for that night. Mr. Mazza asked if that follows suit with other Commissions and Committees in Town with Alternate members and the Mayor responded yes. Mrs. Larson commented that the Alternates would have to attend the regular meetings as well to keep informed.

COMMISSION MEETINGS, DATES & TIMES

Mr. Mazza asked if any Members had any other ideas about scheduling future meetings and Mr. Leitner said that it would be ideal to schedule them right after the Council meetings. (Several Members go into discussions about what days, but can not come to a unanimous decision, due to scheduling conflicts between other Committees and their use of Borough Hall, as well as conflicts that Liz Hirschel the new secretary has due to her commitment to the Open Space Advisory Committee on the (2nd) Wednesday of every month. Mrs. Haycook interjected and said that they will also have to take into consideration her availability as well, because she has to be

able to have the time to turn in the required documents as Superintendent into Mr. Maffei(s) office. Mr. Fischer recommended to the Board that it be taken on a month to month basis, because there is going to be some months where meetings will not be required. It was determined that the next meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on Monday, June 8th, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

WRESTLING PROGRAM

Mr. Fischer had a question for Mrs. Haycook about the last meeting with Mr. Barouski and whether anything came about the Proposal for the Wrestling Program? Mrs. Haycook said that nothing was ever done about that. Mrs. Larson said that they are working on it and they will be presenting something to Mr. Fischer shortly. Mr. Fischer stated that his concern was for the Coaches and the people that were there who weren't supposed to be involved.

CLOSING COMMENTS

In closing Mr. Leitner told the Members that he has told Mrs. Haycook on several different occasions that she needs to turn in the Budgets earlier and in a timelier fashion, because he really needs this Committee to review them carefully and make their recommendations prior to them being approved by Council, and is asking for their assistance to get Mrs. Haycook to do so, because it is a problem. Mr. Dikun stated that individually there isn't as much of an impact, as it would if they did so as a group. (Several Members go into discussions about changes in budget numbers, and other topics that were inaudible)

Mr. Mazza then asked for a Motion to Adjourn which was made by Sandra Larson. Seconded by Ken Fischer. All Members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:44:56 p.m.