

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 4, 1973

To The Honorable The City Council of The  
City of Providence

Gentlemen:

Your Committee, to which was referred that Resolution requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to investigate the licensing of Neutaconkanut Park in conjunction with the 1972 National Industrial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, respectfully reports that it has conducted the investigation so requested concerning the leasing of a portion of Neutaconkanut Park for the baseball games played in conjunction with the 1972 National Industrial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament held over the Labor Day Weekend, 1972.

Your Committee respectfully reports that it was not the intention of the Department of Recreation that the said leasing planned the games be played all night, as was the case. This could not have been previously determined and was not planned as such and was caused by inclement weather in the form of rain which fell all day on the Friday prior to the scheduled tournament of the weekend. Although the time element was a part of the lease, and not abided by the tourney officials, it must be kept in mind this was a World Tournament and scheduled once in every decade at a particular place and, therefore, had to be conducted within the time of the leasehold.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the recommendation of the Acting Director of the Department of Recreation, Joseph P. Hassett, as to future leasings of any City owned recreational facility, is incorporated in a communication dated May 21, 1973, a copy of which is attached hereto, and further that in accordance with the provisions of Resolution of the City Council No. 99, approved March 9, 1973, a copy of which is hereto attached, your Committee is authorized to grant permission for all future night sports events proceeding said event not be scheduled between the hours of 8:00 o'clock P. M. and 8:00 o'clock A. M., this controlling in effect, a repetition of such an occurrence of 1972.

Respectfully Submitted for the  
Committee

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR.  
CHAIRMAN

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 7 1973

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Wm. H. H. H.* CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
*Public Welfare*  
Recommends  
*Be Recalled*  
*Herbert Vesper*  
June 4, 1973 Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL  
HAS REVIEWED  
THE REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF  
THE CITY OF  
SAN FRANCISCO



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Telephone 421 - 7740 Ext. 365 to 368

Casino, Roger Williams Park, Providence, R. I. 02907

Dr. John P. Cronin  
Director

May 21, 1973

Michael R. Clement  
Second Deputy City Clerk  
Department of City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Mr. Clement,

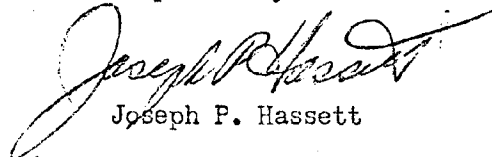
In reply to your letter of May 18, 1973 regarding the Neutaconkanut Park leasing. The ASA requested permission to charge admissions to the National (World) Industrial Slow Pitch Tourney. And we denied same on the grounds we had no Authority to do so. This created an emergency and after several meetings with the City Solicitor, a representative from the Mayors' Office and myself, we came to the conclusion that it was a world tourney, it only happens every ten years, and the dates were already set.

The Solicitor's Office then drew up a three (3) day lease to ASA for the Neutaconkanut Softball lighted field. The exact dates were the Labor Day week end, September 2, 3, 4, 1972. The tournament had to be played and finished on this week end. The sad part of it all was it rained all day Friday. So the teams played at the ungodly hours of 1 A.M., 2 A.M. and so on. This was not, I repeat, not a planned schedule on our part. The time element was a part of the lease and was not abided by the tourney officials. In defense of the tourney administrators, I can see the position the weather put the tourney.

As for future leasing of any City owned recreational facility, I would suggest denial of the request. This does set a precedent on all our City owned properties and does create a major policy change.

If you want me to appear before the Welfare Committee on this matter, do not hesitate to call me.

Respectfully

  
Joseph P. Hassett

JPH/pv

PROVIDENCE, R.I.  
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**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

*No.* 310

*Approved* June 11, 1973

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Public Welfare is requested to conduct an investigation into the leasing of a portion of Neutaconkanut Park for the all-night baseball games played in conjunction with the 1972 National Industrial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament held over the past Labor Day Weekend.

A true copy,  
Attest:



Vincent Vespia,  
City Clerk.