

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Patrick Morton, Bill Pullan, Gary Regan, Rachael McGrath and Eileen Earle.

ABSENT: Laura Ferguson, Angelo Franzese and Lou Valenti.

CALL TO ORDER: Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for March 25, 2015 was accepted on a motion by Gary Regan seconded by Pat Morton, then approved by the remaining members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME: The Expenditures Report was reviewed and adjustments are still to be made to the Office Expense and Programs Account. The Cash balance report will continue to show an increase by the end of April as camp registrations started April 21. On a motion by Pat Morton and seconded by Gary Regan, the Cash Balance Report was accepted and unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: The spring programs will be ending the last week of April. We had a good enrollment in our Tumbling/Gymnastics classes this spring session. We are also offering a mini session to continue the spring programs for another 6-7 weeks. April 21 we started taking registration forms not only for the mini session but also for our Summer Camps. Enrollments for both are going well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Director met with the Public Works Director, Doug Arndt and Architect, Peter Eckert to redesign the Municipal Center Locker Rooms. Meeting went well, Peter will come up with some designs to better utilize the space while taking in to consideration the storage areas that are needed for our sports programs. Work is being completed on the old heating system in the Gym/G.P. room area. The G.P. room is also scheduled to have air conditioning installed.
- Due to the heavy rains the spring season was delayed a week and we are now rotating the field usage, day on/off. The lower high field is very wet and has not been opened for use. We need to take into consideration in our Guidelines for next year to state that there should not be games scheduled before April 15. Soccer and Lacrosse have already started their game schedule the 2nd weekend in April with baseball/softball starting this weekend.
- Rachael is going for training May 3 for the new software program we plan on purchasing. This program will allow online registration with the use of credit cards. It will also give us the capability to send out newsletters and emails to our customers. This program will be implemented in time for our fall registration.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT continued:

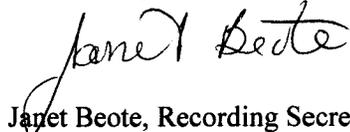
- The Bethel Bark Park located at Meckauer Park will be opening on May 15th. The Commission discussed the rules for the park which will be posted at the entrance to the park. Bill Pullan had questions regarding the gate which was then discussed. The Girl Scouts will be painting the mural and an Eagle Scout is building a bench for the park.
- Work at Meckauer park included removing one of the old garages. The second garage had the roof replaced then power wash and repainted.
- The Bethel Garden Club is having a dedication on May 30th for the new Blue Star Garden located at the island near the Sycamore Restaurant.
- The Parks and Rec. Dept. will be providing staff for the Summer Concert Series as well as for the Community Market both located on the front lawn of the Municipal Center.
- The 1st and 2nd weeks in May we will be interviewing for summer positions.

ROAD RACE: In honor of our 50th year we will be offering a 5k and the original distance 10k race, with the courses running all on downtown Bethel streets! The new start location will be on School Street in front of the Municipal Center. The kid's mini cracker race will be on the front lawn this year. All race proceeds will go to local charities.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion which was seconded by Bull Pullan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next Parks and Rec. Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote, Recording Secretary