

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES- Date: September 23, 2015

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Patrick Morton, Bill Pullan, Gary Regan, Rachael McGrath, Eileen Earle and visitors: Larry Craybas (15 Kellog), Todd Piatnek (15 Old Town)

ABSENT: Laura Ferguson, Angelo Franzese & Lou Valenti

CALL TO ORDER: by Meghan O'Connor at 7:31 pm

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 26th, 2015 regular meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded Pat Morton and then approved by the remaining members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Craybas spoke regarding the school property. Wants there to be an open line of communication between BOE and Town regarding care of the school facilities. Would like all parties to work together to determine who is responsible for up keep of certain areas (ie fields, trees, bushes, etc..) With new Athletic Director about to be hired, he would like to see open communication regarding field care as concussions are now a priority among all teams and the CIAC.

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income The Expenditures Report and the Cash Balance Report were reviewed by all present. It was noted that with the new online system credit card fees collected were not reflected as they go into the fund at the end of each month. If we added the credit card fees collected to the cash balance we would be up approximately \$7,000-\$8,000. Account 5405 was off \$18,000 due to gazebo repair, and will be reimbursed by the Board of Finance.

On a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Pat Morton, the Expenditure Report and the Cash Balance Report was accepted and unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you from Go Inspire for allowing them to be a part of our Summer camp experience.
- Thank you from Ben's Bell's for our donation from the July 4th Firecracker Road Race.
- Request from Mark Foster (Bethel Baseball Association) asking permission from the Park & Recreation commission to host the Cal Ripken Reginal U-11 tournament at the end of July. If permission is granted they will go to Cal Ripken with a proposal.

A motion was made by Bill Pullan to grant permission to Bethel Baseball to begin the process with Cal Ripken, seconded by Gary Regan,

PROGRAM REPORT:

Programs begin this coming Saturday, September 26th. Numbers look good for most classes. Etrak our new online registration is going well, with the expected hiccups that come with any new system.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- With the rain holding off for most of September our maintenance crew has been able to catch up with other clean-up of all areas, and fixing infields. Soon they will begin aerating the fields.
- Baseball bleachers are complete
- We are working on getting bids for topsoil for the Rubino property
- Bethel Youth Soccer has requested more fields be in place in the school complex for the Columbus Day tournament. Parloa has become undesirable as a playing field for that tournament as parking is an issue with so many teams, and they would prefer to have everyone in the complex. We believe a viable option is the outfield of the HS baseball field, and we will be placing a small field in the outfield. We will ask BYSA that only 8-9 year old teams play on the field, and that if weather issues arise that it is the first field canceled.

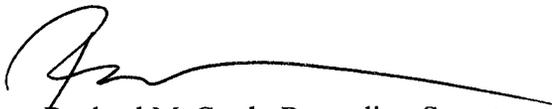
As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Pat Morton made a motion,

which was seconded by Bill Pullan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be October 28th, 2015 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Rachael McGrath, Recording Secretary