

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Stephen Poole, William Pullan, Gary Regan, Rachael McGrath, Eileen Earle and visitors Jim Lacey and Jim Legnard.

ABSENT: Angelo Franzese, Patrick Morton and Lou Valenti.

CALL TO ORDER: Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Special Meeting were read and were accepted on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Steve Poole with the following changes: Account 201 should read Increase, First Aid Supplies from Meckauer Park Account. Also the amount of the 2012 Budget Approved should read \$1,124,486 not \$1,124,286. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Lacey of Bethel Baseball Association stated that he is here to answer any questions regarding Pullan Field.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME were reviewed and on a motion by Steve Poole and seconded by Gary Regan, unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: Winter Programs will be ending the first week of February. Basketball is going well with last Saturday being the first Saturday, in the last 3 years; we had to cancel due to a winter storm.

The summer camp flyer will be ready the end of March with registration for camp starting on Tuesday, April 24th. The first increase in two years will be implemented. A two week session of summer camp will cost \$250 instead of \$220. Preschool camp will increase to \$175 from \$150. Parks and Rec. will continue to offer a \$25 discount for multiple sessions and for each additional child in summer camp. We will also continue to work with Social Services to help families who are identified as needing extra assistance.

BETHEL BASEBALL – PULLAN FIELD: Improvements to Pullan Field at Mitchell Park. include moving the fence back to 221, 250, and 225 feet. Lights and a Press box will also be added. The lights are similar to the lights at Leonard Field with very low spillage. The boarder of trees near this field will also help reduce the visibility of lights and to reduce the noise level.

Funding for these improvements will come from Bethel Baseball through grants, donations, advertising and volunteer labor. These awesome additions to Pullan Field for 11 and 12 years old will make our facility one of the best to play baseball in the state.

A motion was made by Steven Poole and seconded by Gary Regan to accept the changes/ improvements to Pullan Field and for Mrs. Earle to submit the plans to the Planning and Zoning Board. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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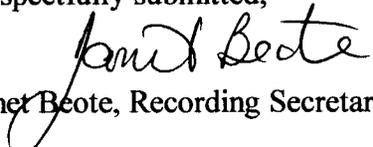
FIELD ASSIGNMENTS – SPRING 2012: Field Assignments were discussed with the commission members. Mrs. Earle stated that she will be meeting in February with the Sports Associations regarding the schedule. There will be time to make adjustments after registration when the numbers are in.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: A copy of the Capital Improvement Plans 2012-2017, which were review at the last regular meeting were given to the commission members. On a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Steve Poole to accept the Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2017 were unanimously approved by all members present.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Beote, Recording Secretary