

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Patrick Morton, Stephen Poole, William Pullan, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti and Eileen Earle.

ABSENT: Angelo Franzese and Rachael McGrath.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Steven Poole, seconded by Gary Regan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: Spring Programs will be ending the last week of March/first week of April. There will be a Mini session for Art Programs, Body By Bethel, Zumba and Preschool Programs. Registration for the Mini session will begin April 24th with classes starting the first two weeks of May and running for 6 weeks.

Registration for Summer Playground camp will also start on Tuesday, April 24th for Bethel Residents. Non Residents may register for the Playground Camp starting May 1st for an extra non-resident fee of \$15.00. This year we will be offering extended hours on Monday & Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Preschool Camp for a cost of \$30.00 per week.

We are also in the planning stages of the John DeMille 47th Annual Firecracker 8K Road Race and Fun Walk which will be on Wednesday, July 4th. This year the Parks and Rec. Dept. will be working with Bethel's Pro Access Teen Center to promote the Fun Walk. For the first time the walkers will have a chip like the runners and be timed when they cross the finish line. A portion of the proceeds from the walk will go to support the Teen Center.

PULLAN FIELD update: The Planning and Zoning Board approved the plans for the improvements to Pullan Field at Mitchell Park which includes Lights and a Press Box. Parks and Rec. will be working with Bethel Baseball to implement these improvements.

SPRING update: The Field Assignments schedule is the same as last year except Lacrosse will be practicing at Crowe Field twice a week, with Soccer deciding not to use the extra time available at the Businessmen's League Field.

The Danbury Westerners will have their Celebrity Breakfast on June 8 at the Amber Room. New York Yankee and author Jim Bouton will be their special speaker and is sure to thrill Westerners fans with stories about his days in the major leagues.

Relay for Life is scheduled for June 9th and 10th at the Bethel High School Track.

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As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Pat Morton made a motion which was seconded by Steve Poole, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Beote". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Janet Beote, Recording Secretary