

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Angelo Franzese, William Pullan, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti, Eileen Earle and Rachael McGrath.

ABSENT: Patrick Morton, and Stephen Poole

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Lou Valenti.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: The Mini-session is in progress and will be ending the second week of June. Registration for all summer sports camps started on May 22nd. Play ground registration is also going well with Pre-school already at 20 students enrolled per session. The Parks and Rec. Dept. is working closely with the Bethel's Social Services and the Schools' Social Worker to help families that are identified as needing financial aid. We are finalizing our summer interviews for camp counselors this week. We do not have a lot of opening this year due to 98% of our staff returning.

ROAD RACE: The John DeMille 47th Annual Firecracker 8K Road Race, Walk and Mini Cracker will take place Wednesday morning, July 4th. This year for the first time the walkers will start their 2 mile walk at the same time the racers start their 8K at 9:00 a.m. The walkers will also receive chips and be timed. Pro Access is working to promote the walk and all proceeds from the walk will go to Pro Access, Bethel's Teen Center. This year we will be using throw-away chips.

PULLAN FIELD LIGHTS: Request received from Bethel Baseball Association for the town to consider co-signing the lease agreement for the MUSCO Lights. This agreement would be similar as the agreement for the football lights. The installment will be for a ten year period for \$130,000 with a 5.45% interest rate. The yearly payments would be \$17,319.86. Eileen Earle's recommendation is to have BBA make two payments the first year and to hold one payment as a security deposit.

After much discussion Lou Valenti made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Commission to endorse/recommend to the town to become a co-signer with Musco Lighting subject to terms most agreeable to the town, seconded by Gary Regan. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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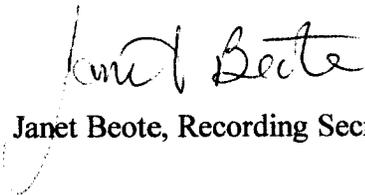
MAINTENANCE update:

- Lining Fields, all H.S. games coming to an end and all fields are holding up well.
- Municipal Center front lawn will be aerated and over seeded and ready for the Farmer's Market.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion which was seconded by Lou Valenti to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 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 of the signatory.

Janet Beote, Recording Secretary