

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Angelo Franzese

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 22, 2012 meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Stephen Poole and seconded by Gary Regan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from the family of Kunio Owaki, interested in donating a tree in his memory to be planted by the family in a location of our choice. Mr. Owaki lived in Bethel for 24 years and the family would like to place a small plaque that says: *In loving memory of Kunio Owaki, photographer and Bethel resident – 1988 to 2012.*

On a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Steven Poole, the commission decided to grant permission to the family of Kunio Owaki to plant a tree at Meckauer Park, unanimously approved by all members present. The Director, Mrs. Earle will be in contact with the family regarding the type of tree, exact location, etc.

PROGRAMS: Parks and Rec. programs started last Saturday, Sept. 24th with over 70 students registered for the Gymnastics and Tumbling classes. Our Preschool classes are also off to a good start with a number of children returning this fall.

Travel Basketball Tryouts are over, with a decision made to have teams for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. We will also have a team for girls in 7th & 8th grade. Unfortunately there will not be a team for 5th & 6th grade girls. Letters will be sent out on Friday regarding the team placements.

MITCHELL PARK LIGHTS: The lights for Mitchell Park will be delivered by October 1st and installed sometime in October. Bill Pullan questioned if the electric hookup for the scoreboard would be included with the installation of the lights. The Director will contact Bethel Baseball Association regarding the scoreboard.

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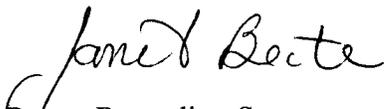
MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

- Rourke Field Scoreboard: Approval received from Planning and Zoning to install the scoreboard. The Bethel Soccer Association will be funding the purchase of the Scoreboard. Landscaping will be place around the new scoreboard.
- School Projects:
 - Playground equipment installed at Johnson School with plans to also install new basketball hoops.
 - Rockwell School playground was enclosed by a fence which will make the playground a safer environment for all children. Fence was purchase by the school. The Parks and Rec. staffed cleared the woods in this area for the installation of the fence.
- The Director, Eileen Earle is working with Phyliss Kansky on a turf grant for the High School Football Field. If received this grant will pay a portion of the cost with hopefully added funding to come from the School.
- The Tennis Rebid is scheduled for Friday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Lou Valenti made a motion which was seconded by Stephen Poole to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Beote, Recording Secretary