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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Angelo Franzese 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 Sept 26, 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 Pat Morton, unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Joshua Multunas thanking the Parks and Recreation Department for allowing the use of the front lawn for a prayer meeting. The meeting went well, it was a gorgeous day and they really appreciated the use of the front lawn.

PROGRAMS: Fall programs will be ending the last week of November or in early December depending on the storm makeup dates. The dance classes are a 12 week program and will end the first week of January, with a dance recital scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2013. Registration for Winter Programs started Saturday, November 10th and is going well.

The Intown Basketball Coaches meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th for team selection. The players will be contacted after Thanksgiving. The season will start on Saturday, December 1st and will run through the end of February 2013.

Due to low enrollment, the Bethel Continuing Education Program run under the Board of Education has been discontinued. Eileen Earle and Rachael McGrath met with the Director, Angela Guerriero to discuss the possibility of Park and Rec. offering some of the Continuing Education programs. Some of the classes that are being considered are Pilates, Tai Chi and cooking classes, which would expand the programs selection that we now offer for Adults.

USE OF FACILITIES: The Parks and Rec. Department have received several requests for the use of the Municipal Center front lawn for large events. In order to be consistent with all groups applying for use of the front lawn, Mrs. Earle and the First Selectman discussed guidelines to be followed.

Discussion followed concerning sports associations not following proper procedures for field/facility improvements. The Parks and Rec. Department/Commission will begin creating a list of procedures for all future use of facilities and improvement requests from the associations. All sports associations will be invited to attend the Parks and Rec. Commission meeting in January to discuss these procedures.

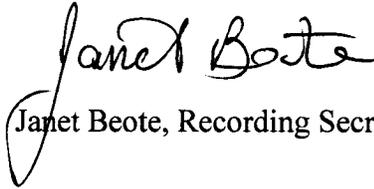
MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

- The Tennis Contract with DeRosa Sports is being finalized. The paving will be completed with temporary lines applied in the spring so that the High School Tennis Team can play.
- Bennett Pond: Dredging of the pond hopefully will be sometime next month.
- Meckauer Park Pond: Brush cleaned up was completed along the front of the pond.
- Storm Damage: Lost a tree on the Diamond Avenue green, clean up is in progress. The Football Scoreboard was also damaged and the stairs to the bleachers were moved 10 feet. We were very fortunate that the damage wasn't more extensive.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Pat Morton made a motion which was seconded by Gary Regan 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, December 12, 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