

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013

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A special meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was held on January 9, 2013 for the purpose of discussion and preparation of the budget for the coming fiscal year.

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

ABSENT: Patrick Morton and William Pullan

CALL TO ORDER: Megan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUDGET 2013-2014:

- Accounts 101, 102, 103, 106, and 109 are all accounts for full time employees and changes are due to contracts.
- Account 105 Part Time Salaries, increase in wages for Seasonal Camp Counselor, Seasonal Park Maintainers and Winter Maintainers.
- Account 107 – Overtime, changes due to contracts.
- Account 201 – Office Expense, same as last year
- Account 206 – Maintenance & Supplies, increase represents field fertilization, pump septic system for Bennett & Meckauer Park and new equipment.
- Account 301 – Dues & Education, same as last year
- Account 308 – Clothing Allowance, same as last year
- Account 313 – Contracted Services, increase in the lease fee for the lawnmower.
- Account 315 – Park Maintenance & Repairs, increase due to added funds for tree work.
- Account 316 – Programs, increase in self-sustaining Program Supervisor and the High School Basketball league.
- Account 403 – Capital Equipment includes purchase of a Ford 350 to replace a 2002 Ford pickup and to purchase an over seeder to replace a 1985 seeder.
- Account 405 – Capital Construction includes the irrigation at Berry & Johnson and for the Kolowski Property survey and plan.

A motion was made by Lou Valenti that it is the intention of the Parks and Recreation Commission to terminate its subsidy of independent sports associations in Bethel for the 2013-2014 Budget year, seconded by Stephen Poole. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Gary Regan made a motion, seconded by Angelo Franzese, to accept and promote the 2013-2014 Budget as prepared by Eileen Earle in the amount of \$1,075,485. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT- BUDGET: Discussion followed on which projects the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to see completed. The following items were recommended to be completed this fiscal year:

- First priority: Irrigation at Berry
- Second priority: Irrigation at Johnson
- Third priority: Kolowski Property Survey & Plan

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend and urge the Town to renovate/upgrade the Municipal Center Locker Rooms under the Emergency Management Plan, as this is the only emergency shelter for the Town of Bethel. The Commission would also like to see the Municipal Center sidewalks to be repaired as they have deteriorated over the years.

Stephen Poole made a motion, seconded by Angelo Franzese, to approve the Capital Improvement Plan 2013-2018. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Lou Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote
Recording Secretary.