

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Angelo Franzese, Patrick Morton, William Pullan, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti, Rachael McGrath, Eileen Earle and new board member, Laura Ferguson. Visitors attending were Jim Lacey, BBA President and Holly Heslin, BBA Secretary.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 12, 2012 and January 9, 2013, were read and accepted on a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Lou Valenti.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Lacey and Holly Heslin of the Bethel Baseball Association questioned the motion made by Lou Valenti, at the January 9, 2013 Special Meeting and approved by the Parks and Rec. Commission to terminate its subsidy of independent sports associations in Bethel for the 2013-2014 Budget year. They questioned the impact on BBA and the reasoning for eliminating an item on the Budget before it is submitted for approval by the Board of Finance. Bethel Baseball feels that they service a large number of children, contribute by funding improvements to the fields and tournaments like the Jimmy Fund. They voiced their concerns of how this impacts their 2013 Budget and the increase they would have to implement through registration fees. They stressed that they are not an adversary but a partner with Bethel Parks and Recreation and sincerely request that we reconsider this move to terminate the subsidy to BBA. Jim Lacey expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Commission for listening to their concerns.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: All programs are going well including Travel and Intown Basketball. The spring flyer will be sent to the schools on Friday with registration scheduled for February 9. Rachael is in the process of updating our Parks and Rec. Website and will be attending a workshop on Friday, Jan. 25. This new website will enable her to access it from her computer to post information, updates and cancellations.

USE OF FACILITIES: Use of Facilities Guidelines, Rules and Regulations were review. Recommendation was made to meet with the town insurance representative, Bill Guerrero, to ascertain a clear explanation of our involvement and/or responsibility towards the sport associations.

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES: A motion was made by Gary Regan to table the approval of the 2013 Rules & Regulations for Use of Facilities until review of the Insurance report, second by Angelo Franzese, unanimously approved by all members present.

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BUDGET 2013-2014/CAPITAL PLAN: After much discussion, reviewing the budget, and taking in to consideration the concerns of the Bethel Baseball Association some changes were made to the Budget.

Lou Valenti made a motion which was seconded by Pat Morton, to add back into the 2013-2014 Budget, Account 316 - \$6,000/Baseball - \$500/Lacrosse - \$1,000/Soccer - \$1,500/Softball. Vote, all in favor, opposed, Angelo Franzese, motion approved.

A decision was also made to send a letter to the Associations informing them of the changes to the propose budget and subsidy allotted to them.

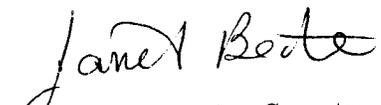
Gary Regan made a motion, seconded by Lou Valenti to accept and promote the 2013-2014 Budget as prepared by Eileen Earle in the amount of \$1,084.485. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: none

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Angelo Franzese made a motion which was seconded by Gary Regan to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Beote, Recording Secretary