

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday May 22, 2013

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Angelo Franzese, Patrick Morton, Bill Pullan, Lou Valenti, Rachael McGrath, and Eileen Earle.

ABSENT: Laura Ferguson, and Gary Regan

CALL TO ORDER: Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for April 24, 2013 were accepted on a motion by Pat Morton and seconded by Lou Valenti, unanimously approved by all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME: The Cash Balance Report, Income Deposit Account and Expenditures Report were reviewed and on a motion by Angelo Franzese, seconded by Bill Pullan, unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Transylvania Gym & Soccer LLC which is hosting a Soccer Camp Aug. 12-16 at Parloa Park requested to have their flyer sent out to the schools. We are in the process of researching this but no decision has been made.
- Thank you letter received from the Bethel Education Foundation for the \$100.00 Gift Certificate and Gift basket to support this year's Seventh Annual Barnum Ball. We also received from the Bethel Education Foundation an invitation to the 3rd Annual Family Summer Kickoff on June 20, 2013.

PROGRAMS: The Spring Mini Session started May 7th and will run for six weeks. We are currently running our Adult Art and Exercise classes as well as our Preschool Programs which is at full capacity.

We started registration Tuesday, May 21 for all our Summer Sport Camps and Programs. U.S. Sports Institute and Skyhawks both provide quality sports camps for Bethel and other towns in the area.

The Summer Playground Camp registration is picking up with the largest enrollment in the Preschool Camp. Registration for Junior Camp for grades 1st – 3rd is also going well. Summer staff for the camps has been hired with orientation schedule for June 8th. The first day for the playground Camp is June 24th.

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SPRING SPORTS: Youth Sports and the role of the Parks and Recreation Department with the Sports Organizations were discussed. Each organization has a Board of Directors which has the authority to make all internal decisions for their organization. Parks and Recreation authority does not extend to change decisions made by these elected voting members.

After much discussion it was decided to set up a subcommittee to review our working relationship with all Youth Sports Organizations to ensure a positive youth sport experience. By-laws of all the organizations will be review. Mrs. Earle will meet with the First Selectman and the Town Attorney to set guidelines, to define our role with such organizations.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

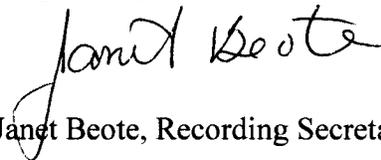
- Staying ahead with the mowing of the quickly growing lawns.
- Municipal Center front lawn will be over seeded.
- Irrigation at Berry was approved in the Budget and will be done in July.
- New over seeder, to replace the 1958 seeder, was also approved in the Budget.

ROAD RACE: The John DeMille 48th Annual Firecracker 8K Road Race is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2013. Sponsors for the race have been secured. Timing will again be by Fast Track Timing, LLC.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Angelo Franzese made a motion which was seconded by Lou Valenti to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote, Recording Secretary