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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 28 2007

Meeting of the commission was called to order by Chairman, Meghan O'Connor, at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Pat Morton, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti, Robin Renner, Gary Coles, Rachel McGrath and Eileen Earle.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Pat Morton, approved by all members with Robin Renner abstaining.

Accounts payable, payroll, and income were studied. Eileen Earle mentioned that the Meckauer Park account had to be adjusted. They were accepted on a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Robin Renner, unanimously approved by all members present.

There were no public comments.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from BYSA and Tournament Director Ray Ledan thanking the Parks and Recreation Department for our assistance with the soccer tournament.
2. Letter from Pat Cosentino concerning the field damage near the soccer field. Communication has been opened up with her concerning the complex.

The following programs have been completed: Fall Baseball, Halloween Magic Show, and fall session of classes.

The following programs are in progress: Adult Volleyball, Preschool programs, Ballet, Dance, Gymnastics, Men's Open Gym, and Travel Basketball.

The following programs are being planned: In Town Basketball, Ski Trips, Ice Skating and Danbury Ice Arena.

Bethel Baseball Babe Ruth, John Dee came to request the possibility of using the Parloa Baseball field for Babe Ruth. Number of teams growing; only have 2 fields and having to work around school schedules. Late summer might be a problem when some work has to be done on the field in conjunction with the high school project. Fall season, Babe Ruth only has one field to practice and have games. They really would like to keep the team growing.

Eileen and John Dee will meet and come up with the cost of replacing the backstop and additional fencing. This will make it look a little nicer in addition to increasing safety for spectators and individuals using the basketball courts/playground. Eileen will report back at next meeting.

Maintenance Building – hopefully breaking ground next week or so.

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Ice Skating Rink – Hopefully up in the next few weeks. Hours: Open on the weekend and we will have to monitor what happens during the week.

The Parks and Recreation department is working with Pro Access formerly known as the Teen Center with facilities. We also are working with them to offer an after school program for students with special needs.

The regular meeting on December 26 is cancelled. The next meeting will be January 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Robin Renner and seconded by Gary Coles the meeting adjourned by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachael McGrath,
Substitute Recording Secretary