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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008

The Commission meeting was called to order by chairman, Meghan O'Connor at 7:35P.M.. In attendance were Steve Poole, Gary Regan, Pat Morton, Robin Renner, Eileen Earle and Rachel McGrath.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Steve Poole, seconded by Pat Morton, unanimously approved by all members present.

The agenda was moved on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Robin renner unanimously approved by all members present and Bethel Baseball Association matters were discussed.

Dan Spinella, Ray Guercio and Mike Pane were in attendance and previous matters discussed were introduced. Some of the questions raised have been taken care of: the backstop has been improved; the installation of the baseball field overlapping the soccer field is still under discussion regarding use and infield (BBA has indicated they will help with the purchase of clay, etc., since the budget is stretched); the all purpose field that was discussed for the property behind Kindercare on Hawleyville Road is being considered as part of a Master Plan and is being worked on; base paths on Pullan Field are being studied since increasing the area to 70" will require changes in the entire field, infield' and outfield and estimates are being secured; Ms. Earle will attend Baseball Meetings before the season starts and will reinforce the rule of not trying to remove water etc. since it changes the drainage (corrections are planned for some of the trouble spots). A coaches in-service will be held concerning their responsibility to service batting boxes after the game; Saturday readiness in case of weather is being worked on with the staff; and tarps are being studied to cover mounds and batting boxes in case of bad weather. After the studies are completed, more will be reported.

Returning to the agenda on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Pat morton, unanimously accepted, There were no public comments.

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income were accepted on a motion by Robin Renner, seconded by StevePoole, unanimously approved by allmembers present,

A leeter was received from Mark Goodwin concerning enlarging the Soccer Field, including moving fence, etc. Ms. Earle has been

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discussing these changes with the town engineer and other town bodies that would be needed. Considering the amount to be done and the changes to be made, the costs would be at least \$20,000 by current estimates. This would far exceed out budget resources. Ms. Earle was requested to inform Ms. Goodwin of this fact and of our inability to finance this change hs requests. We will wait for his input.

He is also requesting a increase in height of the backstop for baseball. This item is still under study since the area cannot be changed due to restrictions imposed by League regulations. More on this later.

With money saved on other projects, anew grant for the playground at Meckauer, and the current budgeted amount in our Equipment Account, Ms. Earle and the Department are purchasing a new Snow Removal machine for use in the town, especially all the side walks, which can also be converted to use with attachments for other projects around the town.

Park & Rec will cancel several subscriptions for commission members to a useful but expensive publication. Members can stop in the read the one at the Office.

Disk Ball will be studied further as an added program for adults as well as children. More on this later.

The following programs are complete: Fall Baseball and Travel BASKETBALL tryouts.

The following programs are in progress: Fall Soccer; Volleyball for Adults; Art Classes; Body by Bethel; Ballet & Dance; Gymnastics and Tumbling; Pre-School Classes; Performing Arts; TaeKwon Do; Volleyball for Kids; Youth Sports; Tri-Sports; Mens Open Gym and Over 40 League Basketball.

the following programs are being planned: Intownbasketball; christmas Show; High School Basketball; Friday Night Ski (Mohawk this year); Computer Animation; Holiday Help (special pre-school program to let parents shop); Road to Health; Yoga for Adults.

Ice Skating at Meckauer will be continued this year; Maintenance Building almost complete (heat); and under budget. If heat is ready the meeting will be there next month 12/3/08, at 7:30 P.m. Motion for adjournment was made by Robin Renner, seconded gy Gary Regan, unanimously a pproved. by all members present.

Respectfully submitted.

*By Russell,  
Recording Secretary*