

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING, December 3, 2008

The special meeting of the Parks & Recreation commission was called to order by chairman, Meghan O'Connor at 7:34 P.M. In attendance were Steve Poole, Bill Pullin, Pat Morton, Lou Valenti, Rachel McGrath and Eileen Earle.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a Motion by Steve Poole, seconded by Lou Valenti, unanimously approved by all members present.

There were no Public Comments.

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income were studied and it was noted that Income was in line with last years. The report was accepted on a motion by Pat Morton, seconded by Steve Poole unanimously approved by all members present.

A letter was received from the Bethel Baseball Assn. concerning their plan to increase to 50/70 for 11 and 12 year olds for the coming season. Plans are in the works by the P&R Dept. and work will be done accordingly since the infield, as well as the mound and the watering system are involved. BBA will be notified of costs and asked for their help.

A letter from P&R concerning the enlargement of the existing covered facility and kitchen at Bennet Park was sent to Mr. Charles Steck of the Bethel Lions Club. The addition will also necessitate bring kitchen up to code, as well as the addition of two handicapped access rest rooms in the building. The Lions club will be paying for the additional work and a grant previously applied for by the Department for that park will be used for the kitchen renovations to comply with code. Mr. Steck was informed in the letter of the various boards and commissions whose approval must be sought before constructions may begin. In addition, heating (if necessary) must be discussed with Lions Club. More later.

The following programs are complete: Fall Soccer; Youth Sports; Tri Sports; Christmas Show (sold out); Performing Arts; and Volleyball for kids.

The following programs are in progress: Volleyball for Adults; Art Classes; Body by Bethel; Ballet and Dance; Gymnastics and Tumbling; Pre-School Classes; TaeKwon Do; Over 40 League Basketball.

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The following programs are being planned: Intown Basketball Program (practice state this week); High School Basketball(40 kids signed up and six teams are set up. There have been some late enrollees and they are waiting listed); Friday Night Ski; Computer Animationand Holiday Help. The Rec is in full swing!

the Maintenance building is almost ready. Lights are in, the propane tank will be installed next week; Bath rooms are to be installed and the floor must be done. we hope to have our January meeting but there are no guarantees so if it is not available, members of the commission will be notified.

Dog Park continues under discussion and Eileen is investigating possible locations.

The toddler Playground will be installed at Meckauer and hopefully will be ready by late Spring.

If sewers ever get to Meckauer we might even get our waterpark installed. We're hoping.

The ice rink has been installed and if the weather cooperates, will begin filling this week--in stages. and skating will be available for residents at the same location as last year--weather permitting and cooperating.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 7, 2009 at the Maintenance Building if possible. The meeting will start at 7:30 P:M. as usual.

The meeting adjourned on a Motion by Steve Poole, seconded by Lou Valenti, unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,


Peg Newell
RECORDING Secretary