

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
1 SCHOOL STREET
DECEMBER 15, 2009
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MINUTES

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kim Keough, Bob Korin, and Melisa Pelikan.
Also Present: Director, Hilda DeLucia, and Assistant Director, Claudia Fortunato

ABSENT: Jane Kraver, and Jacquie Mancher

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Melisa Pelikan made a motion to amend the minutes of November 10, 2009 to reflect an error in dates. Under New Business the date of the meeting for December 15, 2010 is incorrect. The correct date should have read December 14, 2010 in which the meeting will be held in the General Purpose room as opposed to the normally used Parks and Rec activity room. Motion was seconded. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented the Director's Report (see attached).

Hilda reported there are three new members, the boys are still beating out the girls in numbers; this is attributed to open gym which is a huge success.

Hilda also reported having been in contact with Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer regarding the removal of items in the Pro-Access Teen Center to allow for asbestos abatement to begin. Items will be stored on the

second floor of the library. The commission will assist Hilda in putting together a work party down the road. It is expected that the asbestos abatement will come under budget.

Hilda reported that members are slow to get used to the idea of printing out the calendar of events from the internet, feedback is that the parents/members rely on the mailing of such. The commission members discussed the postage costs and possible solutions to this. Bulk mail was one suggestion, as was including the cost in next year's budget to allow use of the postage machine in Town Hall.

Hilda informed the commission that there is an interest in having a laser tag, or paintball event, this will be investigated further.

The Glamour, Glitz, and Limo Service Raffle to be held February 1, 2009. Several of the commission members took raffle tickets in order to sell.

OLD BUSINESS: Pro-Access Bethel Teen show is limping along, not doing as well as last year. Hilda has recently hosted a game show to be aired on Thursday, December 17, 2009 and Saturday, December 19, 2009.

An explanation of the current situation regarding the website was requested. Hilda informed the commission that as agreed Melisa Pelikan had contacted Markus Balas regarding his billing for services. Melisa stated that Mr. Balas was more comfortable communicating via email. After several emails back and forth Mr. Balas stopped responding to Melisa Pelikan and continued the discussion with Hilda. It seems that Mr. Balas pulled the website from the internet during this negotiation with Hilda. Hilda not being able to communicate further with Mr. Balas has contacted outgoing Town Attorney William Hagan to look into this situation. He advised Hilda to avoid contact with Mr. Balas or Kim Keough until he reviewed everything. Hilda seems to believe that this could wind up in small claims court. Several commission members expressed concern over the amount of the revised bill, stating that Mr. Balas should have contacted Hilda, apprised her of the extra charges that would be added, and giving her the opportunity to approve or disapprove as the process went along. To have an estimated cost of \$45 per hour for a 6-8 hour estimated time frame total bill expected to be at most \$360.00, jump to a total invoice of \$1200.00 was unexpected, and shocking. Mr. Balas agreed to reduce the bill by \$200.00, thus leaving a balance of approximately \$1000.00. Hilda requested this amount to be accepted in 4 payments which Mr. Balas rejected. The cost was not planned for, the bill is over 3x the estimated cost, Hilda still feels it is worth attempting to communicate and possibly try and negotiate a lower cost, other

members feel it will be best to just pay the bill and resolve this without involving the Town's Attorney.

Bob Korin made a motion to pay the revised invoice to Markus Balas with the stipulation that Pro-Access Teen Center retain ownership of the website and domain ownership plus the 6 months of hosting.

Lisa Bergh seconded the motion.

Discussion on motion:

As stated Hilda is interested in attempting to contact Markus Balas in an effort to negotiate. Discussion focused on the fact that it is in the best interest of the town and the added legal expense to just settle without attorney intervention. Hilda will attempt negotiation prior to settling.

Vote taken on the motion, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: Kim Keough made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting schedule as presented (see attached). Motion was seconded by Melisa Pelikan. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The current vacancy created by the resignation of Jerome Ochs will not be filled by the commission until sometime in January.

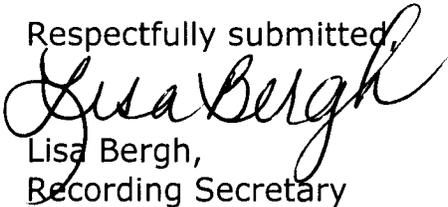
Chairman Richard Merritt wanted to thank Melisa Pelikan, Kim Keough and Lisa Bergh for their service and hope that all will be reappointed for the new term commencing on January 4, 2010.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Bergh; motion was seconded by Kim Keough. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Next Meeting to be held January 19, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

Town Commission Meeting Schedule for 2010-2011
Meetings Start at 6:45PM

1/19/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
2/16/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
3/16/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
4/20/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room <i>NO SCHOOL, VAC</i>
5/18/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
6/15/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
7/20/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
8/17/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
9/21/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
10/19/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
11/16/2010	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room
12/14/2010	2nd Tuesday	GP Room
1/18/2011	3rd Tuesday	Park&Recreation Activity Room

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

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