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BETHEL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING November 17, 2010

The special meeting of the commission was called to order by chairman Meghan O'Connor at 7:34 P.M. In attendance were Gary Regan, Angelo Franzese, Steve Poole, Lou Valenti, Bill Pullan, Eileen Earle, Rachel McGRath and two visitors: greg Henry and Ron Leinhardt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Lou Valenti, seconded by Gary Regan, unanimously approved by all members present.

Our guests has some comments under the Public Comments section of the agenda. They reported some vandalism at mitchell Park. They suggested that a motion light detector be installed since it would provide some protection. Various other measures were discussed, such as a chain across the entrance, etc. Ms. Earle will check on the damage, look into a light motion detector and also check with the police Department concerning a regular watch being included in their rounds. All parties will check on the location.

Ms. Earle had only the Income report to give which indicated that income was about on a par with this time last year. Several new programs are being used at the Comptroller's Office and reports might be received on a different schedule in the coming months. Income report was accepted on a motion by Angelo Franzese, seconded by Gary Regan, unanimously approved by all members present.

A letter was received from Bethel Yough Soccer expressing thanks for the Department's cooperation and help in making their recent tournament so successful. There were many favorable comments about the town and our facilities.

Programs: The Show at New York was almost a sell out and a good time was had by all. Programs currently in progress will be complete by the end of next week; The current plans for H.S Basketball are going forward with a big enrollment to start 12/1. The flyer for winter programs will be released soon and sign ups will begin.

a copy of regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission was circulated and will be presented to the Town Clerk.

The track is almost complete, a little landscaping, fencing changes and the pavilion remain to be completed. Angelo Franzese questioned the possibility of a single light that could be trained on the parking lot which is very dark. Ms. Earle will check with Musco Lighting.

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On a motion by Angelo Franzese, second by Gary Regan, unanimously approved by all members present, the meeting schedule was approved.

Last month field use rates and scheduling was discussed and Ms. Earle would like to schedule a meeting with various organizations who use the facilities in the town. She suggested a sub-committee. Gary Regan and Angelo Franzese will come to the organization meeting representing the Commission.,

A sub-committee will be formed for fee structure and use. A comparison will be made with rates charged by other towns and regulations will be discussed concerning age structure for programs. This sub-committee will include Lou Valenti, Gary Regan, Bill Pullan and Ms. Earle as well as Ms. O'Connor .

There have been few questions concerning Skate Board Park. Since the Middle School has an after school programs for this sport, perhaps that alone is satisfactory at the moment.

The six acre Kozlowski property was again discussed and Ms. Earle mentioned the inclusion of this facility in her Plan of Development submitted. Some planning will be necessary for the gradual development of this property to provide needed fields for the town, which will also mean parking. A plan must be made.

Greg Henry submitted an outline of a grant request from Major League Baseball which might be secured for Pullan Field. The outline and instructions were given to Ms. Earle for further requirements. More on this later.

with a reminder that the next meeting will be December 15, at 7:30, the meeting adjourned with good wishes for Thanksgiving, on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Angelo Franzese, unanimously approved by all members present.

respectfully submitted,



Peg Newell, Recording Secretary