

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

## Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Meghan O'Connor, Patrick Morton, Stephen Poole, Gary Regan, Rachael McGrath and Eileen Earle.

**ABSENT:** Angelo Franzese, William Pullan and Lou Valenti

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME:** Income was reviewed and on a motion by Pat Morton and seconded by Gary Regan, was unanimously approved by all members present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Request received from Pro Access to install a Welcome Home Banner for the Troops, to be raised at P. T. Barnum Square when troops are returning home. The commission thought that this was a good idea.

Request received from Bethel Youth Softball to host this year's 12U FCFSL tournament in Bethel. The proposed dates are July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on whether to charge a fee or percentage. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Bethel Baseball Association sent a List of "Red Dates":

- Al Leonard: June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bethel
- District: June 25<sup>th</sup> for the 10's at Bethel, week long
- State: July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 9's at Bethel, week long
- Regional: August 6<sup>th</sup> for the 9's at Bethel, one field

Received Application from the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to host the event in Bethel, June 11-12. After much discussion with the Relay for Life chairpersons, a decision was made to have the event on the lawn of the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center. They will have access not only to the lawn but the Gazebo, Gym, G.P. Room, Bathrooms, and Cafeteria. Use of the Gazebo will save Relay \$1500 by not having to rent a tent for their stage. Another advantage is having use of the building in case of rain. The lawn will be fenced off just like it is for the Scotty picnic. School Street will be closed during the event and reopen in time for Sunday morning church traffic. All involved are pleased and plans are going forward.

**PROGRAMS:** Winter Programs are ending and Spring Programs are starting next week. Intown Basketball ends this weekend except for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> girls and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> boys.

High School and Travel Basketball are also ending this weekend.

Spring Break Camp enrollment is up with 18 students registered.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Camp will be for 6 weeks this summer.

The following programs are being planned: Cirque Du Soleil show at Radio City Music Hall, NYC. Rachael is planning on purchasing 47 tickets for July. Price will include transportation. Summer Basketball camps are also being planned as soon as we receive the dates from the schools on what weeks are available.

**BUDGET:** The Parks and Recreation Budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Meeting Room A.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Poole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on, March 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote, Recording Secretary