

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Minutes

PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Angelo Franzese, Stephen Poole, Lou Valenti and Eileen Earle.

ABSENT: Patrick Morton, William Pullan, Gary Regan and Rachael McGrath

CALL TO ORDER: Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME: Income was reviewed and on a motion by Steve Poole and seconded by Lou Valenti, was unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE: Request received from the Moms Club of Bethel to waive the \$25 fee for use of Meckauer Park for a picnic on Sunday, June 12th. After much discussion and considering the fee to be very reasonable the request was denied.

The BYSA Columbus Day Tournament will be held again this year in Bethel on October 8th & 9th. They will be using Freebairn Field and all the soccer fields in the school complex.

PROGRAMS: The following programs are complete: Intown Basketball, Travel Basketball, H.S. Basketball and Volleyball for Kids. The Travel Basketball League finished with the 8th grade boy's team placing first and the 5th grade girl's team placing second in their division.

The following programs are in progress: Body by Bethel, Ballet & Dance, Art Classes, Pre-school Classes, Zumba, Karate, Volleyball for Adults, and Over 40 Basketball. Our Preschool Classes have seen an increase in enrollment

The following programs are being planned: Summer Camp, Sports Camps, Spring Break Camp, Summer Trips and Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt and Road Race.

The Summer Playground Camp will run for six weeks from June 27th to August 5th. Prices will remain the same as last year, \$220 for a 2-week session. A \$25 discount will be applied for multiple sessions and for each additional child in the Preschool, Junior, Senior or Youth Camps.

Discussion followed concerning the Road Race with the commission recommending a co-sponsorship for this year's race.

PARKS RULES AND REGULATIONS, PARKS ASSESSMENTS: The Park Assessments and the 2010 Rules and Regulations were given to the Commission members for review. Further discussion and recommendations will be made at the next monthly Commission Meeting.

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WEBSITE: The Parks and Recreation Director and Rec. Supervisor met with the Town's Computer Consultants to discuss the possibility of having our website with Active Network. Research will continue with a decision to be made before fall registration.

MISC: An exploratory committee is researching the possibility of building a Community Center and/or pool in the school complex. Mrs. Earle was invited to attend the next meeting on April 12.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Angelo Franzese made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Poole, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on, April 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beote, Recording Secretary