

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

## Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Meghan O'Connor, Angelo Franzese, Patrick Morton, Stephen Poole, William Pullan, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti, Rachael McGrath, and Eileen Earle.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 24, 2011 regular meeting were accepted on a motion by Bill Pullan, seconded by Angelo Franzese.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PROGRAMS:** The following programs have been completed: Summer Movie Night Movie Night on September 9<sup>th</sup> was a success with 150-200 people in attendance. Next summer we would like to have movie night three times during the summer. Rachael will contact the local businesses to see if they will sponsor the event, which would help to defray the cost of the equipment rental.

The following programs are in progress: Men's Basketball League, Fall Programs, Zumba, Dance, Preschool, Art and after school programs. Fall enrollment is up this year in all programs but especially in the preschool classes. The Seven Star School of Performing Arts also had a good turn out for their first year. There were no complaints on the higher fee due to the dance classes running for 12 weeks instead of 8 weeks.

The following programs are being planned: Winter Brochure, Travel Basketball, Christmas Show and Intown Basketball. We have great orchestra seats this year for the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City. The ticket also includes a 2011 Christmas Commemorative Ornament. Registration is slow but hope that it improves as we get closer to the holidays.

Travel Basketball Tryouts started on Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue till Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have one girl's team each for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The boys will have one team each for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All teams have returning coaches. Intown Basketball registration is going well and will end on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**BENNETT POND:** Approval to dredge Bennett Park Pond was received from Inland Wetlands Commission on Monday and from the Planning and Zoning Commission last night. We are accepting bids for the dredging, which should be done this fall to have the pond ready by spring. The sludge that is removed from the pond is great for fill and we will try to get credit from the contractor if they would like it. It has been 11 years since the last time the pond was dredged. If funds are available a catch basin should be installed on the far side of the pond/bridge to catch the sediment before it flows into the pond.

**ASSOCIATION MEETING:** September 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Earle had a meeting with all the Associations Presidents to discuss field assignments. All attended and all fields and usage times were review with no complaints. Lacrosse requested more field time. Suggestion was also made for an additional multi purpose practice field, possible location of the BHS front lawn. Another meeting will be scheduled for next December before we prepare for our budget.

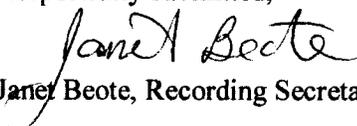
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- The Parks and Rec. Commission discussed the need for a multi purpose practice field. Crowe Field was suggested as the most cost effective choice for this purpose. This field can be ready by next spring with little expense since it is already level and has a good grass base. Fencing will need to be removed but the dugouts can stay for now.
- On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> the Bethel Community Pool Committee will have a 5k Road Race and Kids' Races at the Educational Park to help raise money for architectural plans.
- The bathrooms at the football field should be completed by this Friday.
- Barry Blades, architect, will look at the Kowalski Property.
- BMX submitted a permit for a facility with septic fields.
- Tennis Courts at BHS, #1 on the Capital plan are a hazard and need to be addressed.
- Bill Pullan questioned the status of moving the fencing at Pullan Field. Mrs. Earle will contact the Baseball President concerning this.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Pat Morton made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 26, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Janet Beote, Recording Secretary