PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 25, 2014
Minutes

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PRESENT: Meghan O'Connor, Patrick Morton, Bill Pullan, Gary Regan, Lou Valenti, Rachael McGrath, and Eileen Earle.

ABSENT: Angelo Franzese

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Regan called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for May 28, 2014 was accepted on a motion by Lou Valenti, seconded by Pat Morton then approved by all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME: Expenditures Report; Adjustments may be made to some accounts. Cash Balance Report shows a $3,000 increase over this time last June.
On a motion by Lou Valenti and seconded by Bill Pullan, the Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income were accepted and unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you received from Yvonne Grimes for supporting the Bethel Mile which benefits the the TJ Burke and James Thornsen Memorial Scholarships.
- Thank you from Cathy Schirmer, Board Secretary DAWS for allowing them to hold their annual tag sale in the GP Rm.
- Thank you from the Bethel Education Foundation for our support of the Barnum Ball fundraiser which benefits the entire Bethel education system.
- Ray Ledan, Bethel Youth Soccer requested permission to hold their annual soccer tournament on Columbus Day Weekend, Oct 11 & 12, 2014. Request to use fields will be approved.

PROGRAMS:

- **Completed Programs:** Spring Programs have ended.
- **Programs in Progress:** We are in the second day of our Playground Camps and all is going well. We already have 60-80 students registered in the Jr. & Sr. Camps for the next two sessions.
- **Programs Planned:** SportsPlex is interested in offering an adult Fitness Program through the Parks and Rec. Dept. The program would be offered for 6weeks, 2 or 3 times a week. Rachael will meet with them to discuss the details.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Spring is going well, the Al Leonard Tournament ends tomorrow.
- The Press Box at Pullan Field is completed.
- Pullan Field at Mitchell Park is flooding, Eileen will check with drainage.
- The Girl Scouts have completed the improvements, painting and installing new benches, at Johnson School.
- The John Demille 49th Annual 8K Firecracker Road Race will take place next Friday, July 4th. We currently have 150 racers registered and registration will continue through race day. Fee: $25.00

DOG PARK: The Director met with Beth Cavagna, of Planning and Zoning to discuss possible locations of the Dog Park. Crowe Field was ruled out as the field is less than 200 ft. from the town wells and doesn't meet health requirements. Parloa Park would required too much clearing of trees and the walk from the parking log past the soccer fields would interfere with the games. Meckauer Park might be the best location; the director will research cost of fencing. Donations received for the proposed dog park has totaled $4,000.

FRANC PROPERTY: The director will meet with the Bethel Land Trust to develop a management plan for the Property.

BENNETT PARK: Mrs. Earle sent a Letter to Mr. Steck of the Bethel Lyons Club informing him that to request a change in the operating schedule of the park a request must be sent in writing to the Parks and Rec. Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The heating system at Bennett was checked, which was not completely hooked up. The Air Conditioning unit was also checked and is operating but was turned off in the attic. An electric stove was purchased to replace the propane stove, which will be sold.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Lou Valenti made a motion which was seconded by Laura Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next Parks and Rec. Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, **Aug. 27, 2014** at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beote

Janet Beote, Recording Secretary