

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Laura Ferguson and Bill Pullan.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for October 28, 2015 was accepted on a motion by Pat Morton, seconded by Lou Valenti, abstained by Angelo Franzese then approved by the remaining members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME: The Expenditures Report and the Cash Balance Report were reviewed by all present. The Cash Balance report shows a decrease over this time last year as we have less teams/students in the Intown Basketball League. The income will increase as we continue to register students for the High School League. The Expenditures Report is accurate and no adjustments need to be made. On a motion by Angelo Franzese and second by Pat Morton, the Expenditures Report and the Cash Balance Report were accepted and unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROGRAMS: The Intown Basketball League has been playing now for three weeks. Parents have been stepping up to coach but we currently have three teams with staff coaching. High School Basketball enrollment is going well with scrimmages starting in January. The winter programs are in their second week of classes. We have high enrollment in all preschool and gymnastic programs. Our afterschool sports classes at Berry School are also full.

Spring Programs are in the planning stage as well as Summer Camp. We will have a slight increase in the camp fee as the minimum wage is increasing to \$10.15 per hour. Registration will start the same time as the Board of Ed. summer programs and we will be offering one week camp sessions this year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- With the warm temperatures this winter the maintenance staff has applied sod to Hunt and Rourke Field. Clay was also applied on Parloa, Crowe, Hunt and two of the fields at Mitchell Park.
- Rubino Property: A well was found on the property and needed to be filled in. More soil was needed for the practice field and grass seed will be applied this week. In the spring it will be aerated and over seeded which should make it playable by next fall.
- Rachael, our Recreation Supervisor, has done a wonderful job implementing our new eTrak computer system. She spent a week in South Carolina learning the program and was able to get it up and running for our fall registration. This new computer software allows our customers to now register on line with a credit card. Great job Rachael!
- The Commission Regular Meeting dates for 2016 were also discussed and on a motion by Lou Valenti, second by Gary Regan were unanimously approved by all members present.

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LOCKER ROOM REMODEL: The Director, Eileen Earle will meet tomorrow with Peter Eckert of Architect's Guild, Bob Kozlowski the Town Comptroller and Doug Arndt, Director of Public Works to discuss the possibility of a bond package for this \$1,270,500.00 project.

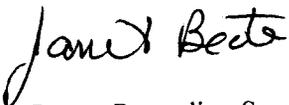
BUDGET: The proposed Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Equipment for 2016-2021 were given to the Commission members for review. They will be finalized next month during our Budget Meeting. Also discussed was the new items list of improvement/work to be done. The Johnson School Backstop and Fence repairs at Kisling, Berry and Middle School can be done under the Maintenance Acct. The Meckauer Park Basketball Court and the Lights at Freebairn field will be included in the Operating Budget with final decisions to be made at the Budget meeting in January.

FEES-PROGRAMS, FACILITIES: Increase in fees for the rental of Meckauer Park and Bennett Park were discussed. The current rental fee for Meckauer Park is \$25.00 per day and the new propose fee is weekday, \$50.00 and weekend, \$75.00. Discussion followed concerning Bennett Park with a decision to increase the fee by \$50 per rental for both the weekday and weekend. A motion was made by Lou Valenti to increase the Meckauer Park and Bennett Park fees as discussed and to present the proposed fee increase to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting, seconded by Angelo Franzese. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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 9:00 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next Parks and Rec. Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote, Recording Secretary