

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday March 27, 2013

## Minutes

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

**ABSENT:** William Pullan

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes for February 28, 2013 Special Meeting with the correction made by Gary Regan stating that Income only where review, on a motion made by Lou Valenti and seconded by Angelo Franzese, unanimously approved by all members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME:** Payroll and the Cash Balance Report were reviewed and on a motion by Gary Regan and seconded by Pat Morton, unanimously approved by all members present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Application received by the Parks and Rec. Dept. from BBA for use of Facility/fields. An application was also received from an Adult Kickball League which Mrs. Earle is reviewing to see if Bethel residents are enrolled before approving.

**PROGRAMS:** All programs are running smoothly. Rachael is finalizing the Summer Playground Camp information. Discussion followed concerning the raising of the camp fees. We currently charge \$250.00 for 2 weeks for 60 hours of care, which equals \$4.16 an hour. The fee we charge is lower than most other camps in the area. Decision was made to not raise the fee as there was a 10% increase last year of \$25.00. Lou Valenti suggested we consider raising the fee 3% each year starting next summer. Security at the camp was also discussed. This year there will be a staff member posted all day at the entrance door of each camp facility. The department is also purchasing radios, same type as the schools, for added security. The 3% increase next year will help offset these extra expenses.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE:**

- All fields and have been rolled and are playable with the exception of Lower High which is still not dry. The H.S. Lacrosse team will use the Berry Field for next week.
- Youth Leagues will be starting the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

RECEIVED

2013 MAR 28 P 2:21

TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

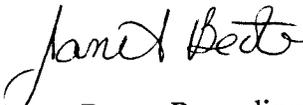
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes, March 27, 2013

**BENNETT POND:** The water is out of Bennett Pond and will be dredged to a depth of 8 feet. The valve will be open from Nov. 1 to March 15 to let the water flow over the spillway and out so that sand/dirt doesn't accumulate in the middle of the pond. It has been 12 years since the last time the pond was dredged.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Angelo Franzese made a motion which was seconded by Pat Morton to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Beote, Recording Secretary