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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, March 26, 2008

The regular meeting of the commission was called to order by chairman, Meaghan O'Connor at 7:30 P.M. In attendance were Steve Poole, Robin Renner, Bill Pullan, Gary Regan, Pat Morton, Lou Valenti, Eileen Earle and Rachel McGrath.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Steve Poole, seconded by Pat Morton, unanimously approved by all members present.

There were no Public Comments

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income reports were accepted after noting corrections, on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Robin Renner, unanimously approved by all members present.

Since there was no correspondence, we proceeded to Programs. The following programs are complete: In-town basketball, Ski Trips, Easter Egg Hunt (very successful); and Travel Basketball (7th grade boys and 8th grade girls teams won their divisions)

The following programs are in progress: Adult Volleyball, PreSchool Programs: Ballet; Dance; Gymnastics; Men's Open Gvm; Ice Skating; Children's Yoga; Strength and Fitness for Teens (this successful program will be continued).

The following programs are being planned: Spring Sports; Spring Break Soccer Camp, Lacrosse Skills and Drills; Spring Tennis Lessons; Preschool Spring Break Camp; Summer Camps (the summer flyer is being prepared as we speak).

Plans for the Road Race are going forward and John Geier of New Balance, who will be a sponsor in the race, has been cooperating with us on shirts, timing, web sites, goody bags; and application locations.

On the subject of summer camps, it was discussed that the rates should be increased for this year, There has been no increase for two years and with increases in employment rates and supplies, the increase is necessary. On a motion by Robin Renner, Seconded by Gary Regan, the cost per child will be increased to \$220.00 (from \$200), The motion was unanimously approved.

Concerning the Maintenance Building, progress has been slow due to the necessity of removal of fuel tanks at the Police Dept., However, it is expected that ground will be broken this week. All permits are in place and Ellen Hines is giving us her expertise in the matter of landscaping and property protection.

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There has been another inquiry about the skate park with the promise of parent participation. Thus far no participation or cooperation has been received.

Ms. Earle mentioned that the grassy intersection of Greenwood Avenue and other streets down town is again in the province of the Parks Dept. Ms. Earle is in discussions with Ms. Hines for landscaping for this location that will be easier to handle for our Department. This as well as P.T. Barnum square needs help. More on this later.

Parks and Recreation will have a Relay for Life tent the week end of June 13th. They will again man the snack shed and volunteers are needed. Please sign up.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 30th at 7:30 P.M. On a motion by Gary Regan, Seconded by Steve Poole, the meeting adjourned on the motion that was unanimously approved.

respectfully submitted,



Peg Newell
Recording Secretary