

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the commission was called to order at 8:01 P.M. by chairman, Meghan O'Connor. In attendance were Pat Morton, Gary Regan, Robin Renner, Bill Pullan, Eileen Earle and Rachel McGrath.

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

There was no public input.

Accounts Payable, payroll and income reports were accepted after study on a motion by Pat Morton, seconded by Robin Renner unanimously approved by all members present.

Erie Reilly, a sports management major from University of New Haven and Bethel resident, presented his plan for a proposed Bethel Men's League for basketball at the Municipal Center gym. Mr. Reilly's presentation was studied and on a motion by Gary Regan, seconded by Robin Renner the proposal was accepted for this summer. Ms. Earle will report further on this as the season progresses.

The following programs are complete: Men's Open Gym; Spring Sports; Children's Yoga; Lacrosse Skills and Drills; Ballet Dance and Gymnastics/

the following programs are in progress: Adult Volleyball; Preschool Programs; Spring tennis lessons.

The following programs are being planned: Road Race; Playground Camp; Swim TEam; Summer Open Gym; Basketball Shooting Camp; Track and Field Series; Tennis camp and Lessons; US Sports Institute Programs (6th grade boys were waiting for this one); Chess Camp. Boys and Girls Lacrosse Camps; Football Camps; Sheerleading Camp; Performing Arts Camp; Softball Camp; Baseball Camp RYSA coedder camp. We were very fortunate in that many of our site directors of previous years have returned most of whom have teaching experience and our counselors, too, have much experience with P&R programs. Good enrollments in every programs to date. In the interest of safety. P&R will endeavor to supply telephones to directors at outlying locations..

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Road Race is going forward. Arrangements are being made for timing as well as on-line registration. New Balance continues to support our efforts.

Swim Team parents who raised some money are interested in purchasing a Bethel Banner to mark our location at Metes. More on this later.

If all goes well, the new maintenance building materials will be delivered Friday of this week. We should get a completion date at that time.

Parloa Fields in Spring are having their usual rebirth. Sunday morning is especially crowded. The police have intervened in some cases. RZD Finance in Bethel has asked permission to use the field after work. They must be off by 6 P.M.

Ms. Earle is having to attend Soccer meeting to reinforce her request for NYSCA certification for coaches and the resultant background checks. They must be sure to include the member number for follow-up.

Ms. Renner presented a request from a Down Syndrome child for an organized sport (baseball, Tball) for summer programs. Mr. Regan suggested Ms. Earle check Babe Ruth Buddy Ball, a program for just such special children. Several towns in the area do have these teams. She will check and prepare a report.

With a reminder of Relay for Life on 6/13, and the next special meeting on 6/24, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Gary Regan seconded by Robin Renner, unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Peg Newell, Recording Secretary