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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the commission was called to order by vice-chairman Robin Renner at 7:35 P.M. while we waited for chairman Meghan O'Connor. In attendance were Pat Morton, Gary Regan, Steve Poole, Bill Pullan, Robin Renner, Eileen Earle and Rachel McGrath.

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

There were no public comments.

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

There were three items of correspondence studied: Letter from the Public Library regarding Rock Concert to benefit the Library Fund to be held in the General Purpose Room on 6/6/09; Letter from resident concerning softball Tournament 5/22, 5/23; 5/24 to benefit Stroke Unit at Danbury Hospital that will require three fields- Men's Softball field and two fields at Berry School. Ms. Earle thought it will be possible; Library Benefit Concert July 4, and other events that will spill over into the Big Lawn and parking areas, etc. Ms. Earle will request more information on this and report at next meeting. The Commission approved the first two requests.

The following programs are complete: TRAVEL Basketball (very successful season-two seventh grade teams from Bethel proceeded to the final round in their division and one team won it all.) Intown Basketball, good season with excellent coaches; High School basketball (very successful. It was requested that a similar program be considered for the whole season with various sports included). Friday Night Ski (last two scheduled were no viable and were cancelled.

The following programs are in Progress: Volleyball for Adults; Art Classes; Body by Bethel; Ballet and Dance; Gymnastics and Tumbling; Pre-School Classes; TaeKwon Do.; Over 40 Basketball; Yoga; Children's Martial Arts. All well attended;

The Following programs are being planned: Summer Camp (most teachers and counselors are returning); Roac Race; Sports Camps; Baseball; Softball; Lacrosse; Soccer; Tennis: After discussion with staff and commission, it was decided that the camp season be broken into weekly segments (perhaps to be more affordable ) with a family break of \$5.00 weekly.

Tennis lessons are also being scheduled as is our usual program.

Soccer Association has submitted drawing for a Speaker Booth at Rorke Field. They will build it, as well as improved bleachers and the booth will include a storage compartment below. Ms. Earle will file plans and no costs to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Since John DeMille died last year and most people knew him, or about him, P&R is hoping to have a pasta supper the night before the race to honor him, and then a plaque will be placed on the outside wall in remembrance of his enthusiasm and support. More on this later.

The skate park is still being used, despite locks, chains and signs. They break the chains and the locks; move the equipment and proceed on there merry way.

All fields will begin operation on 4/1 subject to all regulations concerning weather, etc.

On a motion by Robin Renner, seconded by Steve Poole, unanimously approved by all members present, the meeting was adjourned with a reminder of the next meeting on 4/29/09.

Respectfully submitted,



Peg Newell  
Recording Secretary