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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order by chairman Meghan O'Connor at 7:03 P.M. In attendance were Robin Renner, Pat Morton, Lou Valenti, Eileen Earle and Rachel McGrath.

On a motion by Robin Renner, seconded by Lou Valenti the agenda was held in abeyance and unanimously approved by all members the meeting proceed to Executive Session. After discussion the meeting returned to the regular agenda on a motion by Robin Renner, unanimously approved by all members present. Guests returned to the meeting.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Pat Morton, seconded by Steve Poole, unanimously approved by all members present.

There were no public comments at this time.

The following programs are complete: Art Classes, Body by Bethel Pre-school classes.

The following programs are in progress; Sports Camps (except Girls Softball); Tennis Lessons; Baseball, Softball; Lacrosse and Soccer.

The following programs are being planned: Road Race (a celebration of longevity); Swim Team (up to strength); Summer Camps; BYLA Girls Summer Camp; Fall Programs. (the Youth Camps were a big sellout and registering for programs seems to be improving a lot.)

Chris Ferri appeared to explain his hopes and plans to reopen the Skate Park. He has a cadre of volunteers all set up and hopes to open July 1. Ms. Earle will work with him checking equipment and checking on insurance. He has arranged a clean up day as well as any repairs necessary to equipment. He has set up a pay schedule and even planned some future projects. Good work Chris. More on this at our next meeting.

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Income were read and approved for audit on a motion by Robin Renner, seconded by Pat Morton, unanimously approved by all members present.

Ron Lienhardt was in attendance on behalf of BYF. The organization has secured overhead lighting, professional installation, necessary poles for the job and hopes to install the equipment along the tree at Berry School to provide a lighted field for practice the the early Fall. Tim Draper who was also present mentioned the fact that they would be professionally installed and all expenses for the installation would be borne by BYF.

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By allocating a power source for this installation, the town would acquire another lighted area, not only for the use of BYF, but for other town sports as needed. Ms. Earle will view the possible location, and other factors, and the plan can be presented to the Board of Ed, and P&Z as required after site study. Ms. EARle also mentioned to BYF the possibility of making some of their practices on the BMSF to ease the stress on the grasses at both locations. More on this later. With thanks from the BYF the discussion ended.

There were no further discussion, and on a motion by Robin RENner, seconded by Lou Valenti, the meeting adjourned with a reminder to all members of the Road Race, and the next meeting on 8/26/09 by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Peg Newell, REcording Secretary