

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 2009

The regular meeting of the Commission was called to order by chairman, Meghan O'Connor, at 7:31P.M. In attendance were Robin Renner, Gary Regan, Steve Poole, Bill Pullan, Pat Morton and Lou Valenti.

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 accepted on a motion by Robin Renner, seconded by Gary Regan, unanimously accepted by all members present.

There was no correspondence.

The following programs are complete: Hallowe'en Magin Show; Travel Basketball Tryouts (a volunteer panel of basketball know-how people made the selections); Fall Basketball.

The following programs are in progress: Body by Bethel; Ballet and Dance; Volleyball for Adults; Art Classes; Pre-School Classes; TaeKwon Do; After School Sports; Fall Soccer; Fall Baseball; Over 40 Basketball; Zumba Class.

The following programs are being planned: Intown Basketball; Christmas Show (very good response); Ski Trips; Holiday Help (available to parents of children under 7 for 3 Saturdays in November); PreSchool Baseball/Softball (Fronzen Ropes will school 3-5 years old in basics); High School Basketball; Performing Arts; Learn to Skate and the Danbury Ice Area.

Ms. Earle reported on current maintenance: changes in distances at Mitchell Park fields; Grass problems at Rourke Field; mower was received and will be changed to snow thrower for the winter months; Bennett Park kitchen is beautifully complete and ready for the new season (other parts of the renovation still are not complete); Skate Park equipment will be put in the old garage at the old ice skating pond for the winter. Search continues for a new location for the park and clean up there is continuing,

Ms. Earle is preparing new association guide lines for the town of Bethel. Guide lines were circulated to the Commission and their input was requested. Safety of the children as well as protection for the fields is stressed.

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A questions was raised about the construction of a new bridge at Bennett Park. Ms. Earle indicated that she was in touch with Public Works and with a possible contractor to design and supervise the building to make sure it is safe and will serve fhr Park for another long period. She will report more later.

Because of the conflict with Thanksgiving and travel plans, it was agreed that November's meeting would be special and would be held on November 18, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Mark you calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Robin Renner, second by Lou Valenti, unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted



Peg Newell
Recording Secretary