The organizational meeting, in Executive Session, opened at 7:04 PM with Joe F. appointing temporary Chairperson, Christine Battis, to seek nominations for officers for 2009.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Christine to nominate Joe Falcha, Chairperson. There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Christine to nominate Joe LaRovera as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jennifer to nominate Jim as Treasurer/Secretary. Nominations were closed.

All nominations were closed and voting was cast for the entire slate of officers as presented. All in favor, new officers will be as follows:

**The new officers for 2009 will be:**
- Joe Falcha - Chairperson
- Joe LaRovera - Vice Chairperson
- Jim Geffert – Treasurer/Secretary

At 7:18 PM the meeting came out of Executive Session and Christine turned the meeting over to Chairperson, Joe Falcha, who called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 PM. New officers will take over at the meeting of February 25, 2009.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Falcha – Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey – Gary Bruce and new member Lisa Andrzejewski – Missy Orosz, Associate Director and Jack Ahearn, Director.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Geffert

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Jack reported the following:
- Contracted Services line item #620-500 estimated total balance as of 1/27/09 $3,001.01.
A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.
A copy of the budget for 2009-2010, dated 12/8/09, was handed out to members. It contained a detailed list of line items. Some of the members will attend the Board of Finance meeting on February 24, 2009 to secure more information regarding the report.

COMMUNICATIONS: A request for gym use from Jay Hatfield to hold AAU Basketball. A letter was received from Jack Liedke requesting gym use for basketball on Saturday mornings.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Jack and Missy reported the following: Jack reported how Milford runs their Skate Park unsupervised per article in the newspapers. This has been discussed several months now. The issue of whether to close the park or have it supervised is ongoing and needs to be decided soon before spring.

*Summer camp job applications are in the Town Hall and will be advertised in the newspapers soon.
*Basketball - Missy has championship games on 3/14. She is looking for backup referees and scorekeepers
*Youth Center – Missy is still in need of more adult supervision. She is still hoping to get some college students to help. It was suggested that the Cougars Den be held in the gym for a special event, as well as, a special pizza night in the future. Discussion of a possible Fun Club for younger children might also be considered. Missy reported that the alarm for the Cougar’s Den went off but has hopefully been repaired. The new room needs to be completed in the Cougar’s Den.
*Bungay afterschool programs will be starting soon.
*Ice show at Harbor Yard is scheduled for March 4th.
*Knitting class is still on hold until the teacher is feeling better.
*Saratoga Trip is in the works.
*James Taylor show will be advertised soon.
*Scicily trip is planned for the spring.
*Winter swim program has Missy as the head lifeguard at present. She is trying to obtain another lifeguard. She is just filling in for the next five weeks. She hopes to be able to get more pool time for Recreation Programs in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS: Missy reported that the pool rules are posted at the high school pool and given out to parents at registration.

NEW BUSINESS: Missy explained several new programs she would like the Recreation Department to consider starting in March and running through June.
*Adult Volleyball for men and for women and co-ed teams. These would be held Mondays from 6-9 PM.
*Adult Basketball for men and for women would be held Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM.
*Kid’s Craft Classes – for children ranging from kindergarten through grade 5, to be held in the Cougar’s Den on Tuesdays after school.
*Floor Hockey Program for children in grades one through eight on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 PM.
*Kickball kids, a multi-sports gym class type program, for children in grades one through six from 4:30-6:30 PM.
*Youth Volleyball for children in grades four through eight on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM.
*Indoor Pre-School Tennis lessons for children ages three through five on Saturday mornings.
*Pre-school Sports Mania for children aged three through five on Saturday mornings in the gym and on the field.

All of these programs would have a fee. Some fees may be higher for some programs due to the necessity to purchase equipment for the program itself. All of the programs would start mid March and some would run through early June.

Joe F. would like to know how much is taken in and spent on all programs run by the Recreation Department. Christine can arrange for Accounts Receivable information but she is not able to determine exact amounts of money paid out. Jack and Missy will need to provide this information.
A motion was made Gary and seconded by Christine to approve the Cougar’s AAU Basketball program pending availability of the gym. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to approve Jack Liedke’s Adult Men’s and Women’s Basketball Open Gym program on Saturday mornings, pending availability of the gym. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to accept all of Missy’s proposed new programs, pending availability and resources. All in favor, motion carried.

Missy will continue to work on the proposed programs, advertising them and making schedules accordingly. She will also work with Dee Carus to keep her updated on recreation events for the website.

A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Joe L. to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are asked to contact Joe F. or Jack if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary