REGULAR MEETING          AUGUST 27, 2008          COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Mark Thompson - Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Joe Falcha. - Jack Ahearn, Director and new member Jim Geffert.

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Dawn Supranovich – Gary Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:  Current Seymour High School Basketball Coach, Mike Collins, spoke about the CT Glory Basketball Program beginning its fall leagues starting September 21, 2008. He was requesting gym use one day a week for practices to be held 1 ½ to 2 hours, starting at 8:00 AM. Tryouts will be held September 4th from 6:00-8:00 PM for 7th and 8th grade girls. This will be at the Community Center gym, if approved. The official games will not be held at the Community Center; just the practice time is requested. Teams will be coached by Mike Collins and Rich Dow. Coaches will utilize the CT Glory player rotation system which gives playing time to all players equally.

Eniko Jonas, of Music Together for young children, is interested in holding a music program for children aged birth to five with 3 sessions per year. These would be held once a week for 45 minute per session and would serve a minimum of 5, to a maximum of 12 children. The fee charged would be $170.00 for the first child for new families, with an additional $160. for each additional child. The session would run for ten weeks. She could use a room in the Community Center rather than needing the gym. She prefers to have morning classes if possible starting with a fall session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  A motion was made by Mark. and seconded by Christine to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:  Jack reported the following:
Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 8/26/08……$17,727.78
A short discussion was held suggesting that some of the money should be used to work on the Cougar’s Den. Adjustment has been made for the Assistant Director’s salary. A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Mark to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.
COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from Bob Koskelowski regarding the part time Associate Recreation Director, Missy Orosz, being appointed for 25 hours or less per week at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

A letter was received from Bob Koskelowski regarding the use of the gym for Seymour Pop Warner Cheerleaders was received.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Summer camps are over and went well. Tables borrowed from the Land Trust were not returned as clean as they were found. The responsible parties were spoken to and this should not happen again. Approximately 110 kids and chaperones attended the final trip to Quassy.

Summer swim program started with 30 children but a few dropped out. One of the lifeguards has offered to work the family swim program in January.

Skate Park – 65 to 95 have been attending weekly. No major disruptions except for one chunk of concrete which has been removed by the DPW.

Future Stars basketball camp was held. Jack is waiting to hear back from Mike Doyle with the rental fee and number of participants.

Tennis program - is well received and fall registrations are being taken for program that will start 9/7. Missy Orosz did a great job with the 3-5 year old group. The problem with the lights not going on automatically has been taken care of by replacing bulbs so evening sessions can take place.

Karate program is getting much better publicity and signups continue.

Trips/Travel
The Lake George/Saratoga trip on 8/19-8/20 went well.
“Wicked” on 9/14 is sold out. “Young Frankenstein” on 8/31 has some tickets left.
Grand Canyon trip, October 17-25 is set to go.
Radio City Christmas Show will be 11/16 and will be promoted next week. $84.00 per ticket.

Other- Nancy Cole/SHS cheerleaders fund raiser did not get back to Jack, therefore, the gym was not used.

The SHS cheerleader coach will work out a gym schedule with Jack for after school programs starting in September.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to go out of order and skip to New Business. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to approve the use of the gym for the Girls CT Glory Basketball Program for one night a week to be worked out with Jack. All in favor, motion carried.
A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Joe L. to table the Music Together program discussion to the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jim to allow Pop Warner Cheerleaders, use of the gym Tuesdays through Thursdays for September and October, contingent on other programs that might arise. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting then resumed back to original order.

OLD BUSINESS – Due to increasing costs of fuel, the issue of fees to be charged, will be discussed further next month. Christine suggested a special meeting might be held to get more information so a vote could take place next month. She also recommended that everyone email all members with their input and suggestions so everyone has the same information to refer to before getting to meetings. Joe F. will contact Bob Koskelowski once a recommendation is made by the Commission.

It was suggested that the gym use fees be in three time blocks of four hours each.

Joe L. offered to check with other local Recreation Departments to see what fees they charge for gym use. Mark secured several fee charges from other Recreation Departments.

Missy Orosz, new Part-Time Assistant Recreation Director joined the last portion of the meeting and had input in the discussion of the gym use. She hopes to get some new programs started later in the fall.

Christine shared with the Commission that the Youth Center has been awarded a grant of $12,000. so that an extra room can be prepared in the Cougar’s Den. This will take place once the funds actually become available to the Town.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary