

# Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - January 25, 2010

Members Present: Bob Lang, Mike Gargano, John Poeta, Joe Hernandez

Members Absent: Bill Paecht

Guests Present: Debbie - Oxford Recreation Director, Kevin Baxter -  
Oxford Flag Football

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Secretary, Bob Lang

The December 28, 2009 minutes were approved. Motion by Joe, 2nd, Mike,  
All in favor,

## **Budget**

Bob distributed copies of the long range capital plan. We hope to improve drainage in several baseball and softball fields as well as make improvements to many of the parks over the next five years. He also discussed our budget request for 2010-2011, explaining the items to be increased. On February 8, we will present the budget request to the Board of Finance. All commission members were invited to attend. John asked if we could add SMS soccer field to the list of fields for the long range plan. It is not in good shape.

## **Oxford Flag Football**

Debbie Gatto, Oxford Recreation Director spoke on behalf of Oxford Flag Football using Chatfield School field for practices as they have done for a few years. She explained that the group is composed of 2/3 Oxford residents and 1/3 Seymour residents. They divide their time between Oxford and Seymour fields. She felt that because the group is sharing field time in both towns, they should be exempt from the fee schedule for non residents. Board members did stress that the group must have insurance naming the Town of Seymour as an additional interest. The commission will

take the request under advisement and make a decision at our February meeting.

### **Scheduling Software**

We approved purchasing EMS scheduling software at our last meeting. However, some members of the Board of Selectmen felt that the town could use a different software program to handle the job at a saving to the town. There will be a demonstration of the Outlook software Thursday morning in the finance office. Commission members still maintained interest in going ahead with the EMS software but will hold off until we witness the demonstration.

### **Field Usage Issues**

Gesek Field - Pop Warner would like to purchase lights for this field. Mike asked if we could talk to Bill Jarvis or Dennis Rozum for an approximate cost of the lights.

SMS Soccer & Softball Fields - John suggested that a sign be erected on Botsford Road next to the driveway for these fields. Many people have a hard time finding the fields as they assume the fields are on Mountain Road.

Joe asked if the next meeting could begin earlier as we have to approve all field requests for 2010. We will check with chairman Bill Paecht and email members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup>, John.  
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang  
Secretary, Parks Commission

