

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - December 28, 2009

Members Present: Bob Lang, Mike Gargano, Bill Paecht, Joe Hernandez

Members Absent: John Poeta

Guests Present: Paul Roy, First Selectman

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman, Bill Paecht

The November 23, 2009 minutes were approved. Motion by Joe, 2nd, Mike,
All in favor,

We have a new member, John Poeta, who is replacing Ray Faustich. He will be contacted and will be present at the January, 2010 meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Thanks to a grant we received, the following additions will be made to French Park: tennis court, $\frac{1}{2}$ basketball court, volleyball court, and a playground. The playground is being relocated from Chatfield School. There will be a security camera aimed at the area.

With other grant money security cameras will be set up. There will be 3 cameras in French Park, 2 at Gary Park, and one at Matthies Park. The cameras are motion activated and will be on 24/7.

First Selectman Paul Roy explained that we will be able to search out grant money on our own, rather than wait for town officials to do that. He will set up a grant review board to double check completed grant applications to ensure they are correct and complete. He will also invite Glen Marston, Park & Recreation director in Avon, to attend our next meeting to assist us. Glen is a former Seymour resident who has indicated an interest in helping out his hometown.

Scheduling Software

After a brief discussion of scheduling software, a motion was made to spend up to \$1900.00 to purchase EMS Lite software which can be used by all facets of town government. Motion by Mike, 2nd Joe. All in favor.

Security Cameras

Motion was made to spend up to \$10,000.00 to purchase security cameras for town parks. Motion by Joe, 2nd Mike. All in favor. Business owners in town have been given the option to purchase similar cameras which will also be connected to the police department. Mike inquired about cameras being place at Seymour High School as Pop Warner had two incidents of vandalism this year. Bill will make the Superintendent of Schools aware of the cameras and the board of education should have to share in the cost of any cameras on school grounds.

Field Usage Issues

Gesek Field - Pop Warner would like to purchase lights for this field. We will have to purchase additional poles for the lights and will check with the board of education about helping with the cost. The field also needs improved drainage.

Matthies Park - After the terrible problems this year with games rescheduled for months, the drainage problems have to be addressed. Dennis Rozum is working on a plan to remedy the problem.

The Field Use Application was revised for 2010.

For our next meeting we have to come up with some capital improvements over the next 10 years and also we have to prepare a budget request for 2010-11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion by Mike, 2nd, Joe.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission