

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - October 26, 2009

Members Present: Ray Faustich, Bob Lang, Mike Gargano

Members Absent: Bill Paecht, Joe Hernandez

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Secretary Bob Lang

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

Parks Issues

1. Matthies Park has serious drainage problems. After a rain storm, the field is not playable for days. A major consideration is the fact that it is the only lighted softball field in town. At one point, there were no games played for two weeks. The ideal solution is to dig up the field and put in a better sub base. We will check with the PW director for a plan of action or a timetable.
2. A majority of the soccer goals at town parks are owned by Seymour Soccer. Ray is concerned about liability issues with these goals or even the Pop Warner owned sleds. These are purchased by private groups and are on town property. We will check with the first selectman and/or the town counsel.
3. Two banks of lights at Sponheimer Field are still tripping when the tennis court lights come on. Pop Warner would like to erect lights for Gesek Field on an existing pole. They need to know the voltage.
4. The parking area lights adjacent to SMS soccer and softball fields are still turned off. Bob will check with Wayne Netzel again to turn them on.

Scheduling Software

A prolonged discussion of scheduling software took place. Before we do any more investigating programs and vendors, we have to know what the town computers can support as well as settle some compatibility issues. Mike Gargano will talk to the town IT person and get back to us. We may invite that person to our next meeting. We will also need one or two more quotes.

Field Usage Issues

Ray brought up that individuals are utilizing town fields to give lessons to individuals or groups and are being compensated for this. They have never come before the board or requested a permit to conduct their lessons. He was concerned with liability issues. We will look into any existing policies or confer with the town counsel about this.

Grant Applications

Ray shared some information he gathered in a conversation with the town's grants coordinator, Christine Battis. He and other board members were concerned because we were not informed of the grant application for a dog park. We questioned the size of the park, the overall cost and some of the details of the proposal. We discussed techniques to employ when we apply for future grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM. Motion by Mike, 2nd, Ray.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission

