

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - September 28, 2009

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

Guests Present: Brian Pisano - Valley Soccer Academy

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht

The July 27, 2009 minutes were read and approved with a correction to reflect that a letter sent from SSA president Al Bruno to the board had been misplaced for several months. Motion, Ray, 2nd, Joe, All in favor,

Valley Soccer Academy

Brian spoke about Valley Soccer Academy which is a Seymour based year round premier training and practice organization. They would like to "adopt a field" in Seymour. They would maintain and update the field which could be an existing soccer field or a new area on town owned park land. They will be surveying possible sites and will report back to the board. They were given a list of parks in town with a description. Bill explained that no organization has exclusive use of any park in town and they would have to be sharing a facility.

Scheduling Software

Scheduling software was discussed and three programs were investigated by Ray, Bob, and Joe --- EMS, People Cube, and Vue Soft. Mike indicated that he would like to work on this as well. Bob arranged an online demonstration of EMS software on September 30 at 2:00 and invited all board members to take part. We will have to check with officials at town hall about compatibility issues with present software.

Parks Issues

1. We need to locate a Christmas tree to place at Broad Street Park. We will search for volunteers with 20-25 foot trees. Bob volunteered to give one of his trees and it will be checked out.
2. Virtually all baseball and softball fields are in terrible shape. There is grass and weeds in the infield and the fields are not being dragged.
3. Gary Park soccer field needs fencing. The existing fencing was removed by public works and they will replace it with similar fencing.
4. Chatfield Park is still not aligned correctly.
5. Bungay Field soccer goals were put in the woods.
6. Seymour Pride committee cleaned Sochrin's Pond Park recently.
7. Bocce courts are being constructed behind the community center.
8. Senior housing may be constructed next to the community center which will cost us the SCC field. Ray mentioned an exposed pipe at that field.
9. Pop Warner would like to erect a light for Gesek Field. They need to know the voltage before proceeding.
10. The SHS tennis court lights are tripping two lights on the adjacent Sponheimer Field.
11. We hope to have lights at French Park illuminating the Civil War monument and overlooking Route 8.
12. We still hope to have security cameras placed at Gary Park and French Park.
13. We will investigate outsourcing our grant writing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM. Motion by Ray, 2nd, Mike.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission