

Town of Seymour Parks Commission

Monthly Meeting-April 27, 2009

Members Present: Bill Paecht, Ray Faustich, Mike Gargano, Dom Bellucci

Guest Present: Nicole Knott

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht

Minutes of the March 23, 2009 Meeting: Were distributed, amended* and approved. (*amended to correct a report relating to the Seymour BOE's request that Pop Warner Cheerleaders not use the DeBarber Field as a practice facility as had been the case in *past years*:
(*The request was only for the 2008 season.*) (Motion to amend-Mike-2nd Ray; All in favor); (Motion to accept the 3/23/09 minutes as amended-Dom-2nd Ray; All in favor)

Public Comment:

- Nicole Knott inquired about the status of the proposed dog park.

Chairman Paecht explained that dog park proposal is still active but that the money for such a project is not available in the 2009-2010 budget. He also offered a possible location for the proposed dog facility at Gary Park.

Public Works Comments: Chairman Paecht reported that:

1. a locked gate has been implemented at Spoonheimer Field.
2. the baseball field has been plugged and seeded and clay will be delivered on 4/28/09.
3. handicapped portable toilet facilities have been ordered for Gary Park and Chatfield Park.
4. all fields are in the process of being seeded.
5. \$500 has been received from the BOE for grass seed.

Reports on Baseball, Soccer Football, etc:

- **Baseball:** Dom reported that the Triple Crown 13 yr. old Baseball Tournament was a success and involved thirteen teams from around New England. Dom also noted that the Babe Ruth 13 yr. old Sectional & State Tournaments will be held in Seymour this July, 2009.
- **Football and Soccer:** Bill and Ray reported that everything is in order.

Other Business:

1. Chairman Paecht reported that the Seymour Land Trust will be installing a fence to replace the one that was removed during the recent construction at Chatfield Park. He also requested that Ray Faustich contact the Land Trust and discuss the plans for the fence. Ray informed the Commission that a fence proposed by the SSA is no longer needed.
2. Lopresti School has requested the use of Chatfield Park for June 3, 2009 (Rain date 6/10/09). Motion-Dom-2nd Mike-All in favor.
3. A Community Garden has been proposed at French Park by 1st Selectman Bob Koskelowski. More details to follow.
4. A tiller has been recovered at French Park and will be retained by the town.
5. Dom reported that the Seymour Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee is looking for an alternative site for their fireworks display because of safety concerns at French Park.
6. Chairman Paecht reported that the 2009 Memorial Day Parade will begin at French Park and end at the Congregational Church.
7. Chairman Paecht reported that the Comcast Cares Day at French Park in Seymour on April 25, 2009 was a big success and commended the members of the community and several youth groups who joined in. A Proclamation was received from First Selectman Koskelowski that honored the event.

Chairman Paecht also voiced the hope that Youth Groups throughout the town would take on a greater roll in helping to maintain and keep clean the town parks. This sense of "Community Pride" can go a long way in developing a common belief that we can all benefit from a united community effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM (Motion- Dom-2nd -Mike- All in favor)

Respectfully submitted.
April 28, 2009

Ray Faustich (for Bob Lang)
Secretary, Parks Commission