

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - November 17, 2008

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

Members Absent: Dominick Bellucci

Guests Present: Ted Fravel, Musco Lighting

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht

Minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting were read. Motion to approve, Mike, 2nd Bill. All in favor.

Ted Fravel of Musco Lighting gave a detailed presentation of their products and of their proposal to light the SHS softball field.

After Ted's departure, Bill explained that we are in the information gathering stage for lighting at Seymour High School. We still have to determine exactly which fields are included in the Seymour High School Sports Complex. We have not seen the actual wording of the grant but we understand the money must be used for recreational purposes. He suggested a sub committee be formed to gather information and make recommendations to the board. A motion was made by Ray, 2nd by Mike to form the sub committee. All in favor. A motion was made by Mike 2nd Bill to appoint Ray Faustich and Bob Lang to that sub committee. All in favor.

Bill explained that budget preparations will be coming up soon. All town boards are being asked to come in under budget. There was a long discussion of budgets and the continued need for a five year plan for capital expenditures.

There have been problems and disputes over which teams or leagues have the use of certain fields. A motion was made by Bob, 2nd Mike, that all Seymour chartered teams have priority in the use of Seymour fields provided they have completed their applications for the use of the fields by the February meeting. All in favor.

Ray mentioned the idea of a field usage calendar which can be online to keep townspeople better informed. This will be worked on after checking with the town webmaster and others.

Ray also expressed concerns about the Seymour Land Trust's Halloween haunted trails. They were supposed to use the trails but also tied up Chatfield Park soccer fields and drove vehicles across the field. They also left materials on the field. We will invite Alex Danka, who organized the event, to come to one of our meetings.

Seymour Soccer would like to purchase netting and install it at Chatfield Park to keep balls in play. We will have to check first to find out if the area in question is town property or Land Trust property.

It was brought up that at some parks, particularly Gary Park Chatfield Park, and Bungay Field, that portable toilets should remain at the fields longer before they are removed for the winter. We will make sure this happens next year.

We will check with Wayne Netzel about the lights at the middle school which are not going on at all. This makes it difficult for soccer players and other individuals after games and practices.

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 PM. Motion by Ray, 2nd Mike. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission