

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting -August 25 2008

Members Present: Bill Paecht, Bob Lang, Ray Faustich

Members Absent: Dom Bellucci, Bill Stowe

Guests Present: Al Yagovane, Alex Danka

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht

Minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting were read but not acted upon. Only two members present at tonight's meeting were in attendance at the July meeting.

Al Yagovane stated that it might be too late to complete the painting/staining of the gazebo at Broad Street Park. There was a misunderstanding about whether he needs a letter from the board before proceeding. After a discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the project. A motion was made by Ray, 2nd Bob to have Al complete the painting by October 1. All in favor.

Several unfinished projects could not be discussed due to the absence of Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director.

An application to use the Gary Park playground area on September 7 for a picnic for a home school group was approved. Motion by Bob, 2nd Ray. All in favor. An application from Al Yagovane to have a candlelight service at Broad Street Park on November 11 was approved. Motion by Ray, 2nd Bob. All in favor.

Bill Stowe is leaving the board after many years of service. The board recommends Mike Gargano to fill the vacancy. A motion to send the recommendation to the first selectman was made by Bill, 2nd Ray. All in favor.

Bill explained that there is \$200,000 available for lighting at the high school sports complex. This is a grant that had been awarded but never received several years ago. Bob solicited bids from Musco Lighting and Vanguard

Lighting for proposals for lighting Sponheimer Field and the SHS softball field. Bill proposed that the lights should be placed at Sponheimer Field since no baseball field in town has lights. Ray pointed out that according to Title IX, both the baseball and softball fields would have to be lit to be in compliance. We are waiting for complete proposals from both companies. Alex suggested we contact C L, & P and Birmingham Water Co. to receive assistance with the project.

A long discussion ensued regarding the project at Broad Street Park that was proposed by Al Yagovane. Al is to come back to us with an exact number of bricks, the type of brick, a layout of the project and any other costs involved. A motion was made to add the project to our September meeting. Motion by Ray, 2nd Bob. All in favor. Our board will have to contact Inland Wetlands about the project.

The long awaited play scape for the Community Center Field has been ordered. Two grants were denied - an exercise area for the senior center and security cameras for French Park and other parks. A letter was read from a concerned citizen about the poor condition of Gary Park. Dugouts and soccer goals should be painted and there were other areas that needed attention.

Our request to lease a new Sand Pro was denied by the first selectman. After discussion, we will send the request to the attention of the Board of Selectmen.

A request from the recreation director to conduct tennis lessons at the high school courts from September 7 to October 26 was approved. The dates and times are Sunday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Mondays, from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Motion by Bob, 2nd Ray. All in favor.

Seymour Soccer Association would like permission to erect temporary fencing at the Gary Park soccer field. Motion by Bill, 2nd Bob. All in favor.

Ray suggested that the PW secretary develop a master schedule for field usage which would be available on line and as a hard copy. Ray also stated that the bases for use by high school teams have to meet federation rules which require the bases to disengage from their anchors. We will check with the SHS athletic director.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM. Motion by Ray, 2nd Bob. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission