

# Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting -July 28 2008

Members Present: Bill Paecht, Bob Lang, Dom Bellucci, Bill Stowe

Members Absent: Ray Faustich

Guests Present: Mike Gargano - Seymour Pop Warner

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

Minutes of the June 23, 2008 meeting were read. Motion to accept, Dom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, All in favor.

Mike Gargano asked about the lights for the sub varsity field. It's been approximately two years since the project began and the lights are still not up.

Seymour/Oxford Flag Football requests the use of the Community Center field from September 1 to December 2 on Tuesday, Thursdays and possibly Saturdays. A motion to approve the request for Tuesday and Thursday was made with the stipulation that Seymour Soccer Association be consulted since they have a permit for the field. Motion made by Bill Stowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, 3-1 in favor.

An application for a youth baseball camp at SMS baseball field from August 18-21 was approved. Motion by Dom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Stowe, All in favor.

There was no action taken on the Broad Street Park project since the board rejected the previous quotes and requested formal bids.

The Sand Pro machine used by the parks department has died and must be replaced ASAP. Options are to purchase a new sand pro outright for approximately \$17,000 or to lease to own the machine over a 3 year period. After discussion, a motion was made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dom to sign a 3 year lease to

own agreement not to exceed \$18,000. Vote was 3-0 with one abstention.

A letter will be sent from the Parks Commission to Public Works Director Dennis Rozum to obtain completion dates for 3 projects: the lights at the SHS sub varsity field, the new picnic tables at French Park, and the bocce courts and horseshoe pits at the Community Center Field.

Board members were angered by the accusations that we denied the use of Seymour fields to the Oxford Legion. In fact, the Legion never requested any Seymour fields this spring and when contacted by Bill Paecht, stated that they would use Oxford fields. At the last minute, Oxford denied them use of fields and they approached our board. After consulting with Seymour Babe Ruth, Oxford Legion was given 9 playing dates, 7 at SMS and 2 at French Park. Oxford Legion general manager Bill Baxter sent us a letter verifying these facts as did Babe Ruth president Bill Sawicki.

Seymour Pop Warner's request for use of DeBarber Field for home games was acted upon after lengthy discussion. The board's recommendation is to grant Pop Warner the use of DeBarber Field on August 31, September 7 & 21, and October 12. This would total 24 games. Motion was made by Dom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Stowe. All in favor.

A grant for lighting at the SHS complex has become available. Bill Paecht recommended that lights be put at Sponheimer Field. Bob suggested that both Sponheimer and the softball field could be lighted. Bob and Dom will meet with 3 lighting companies to obtain quotes for the project. They will report back at the next meeting.

Bob expressed concern about the condition of Matthies Park and Sponheimer Field. There are very deep and dangerous ruts in the outfield at Matthies caused by a fire truck which was replacing light bulbs. The infield is also very hard and is in need of additional clay. Sponheimer Field has weeds growing in profusion on the skin parts of the infield as well as on the mound. The field was so bad that the adult wood baseball league games were moved off that field to SMS.

To cure the geese problem at the Community Center Field, Dom suggested we purchase coyotes which have proved

successful in other communities. These are really archery targets. A motion was made by Dom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob to purchase 3 coyotes at \$100 each. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Motion by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dom. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang  
Secretary, Parks Commission