

# **Town of Seymour Parks Commission**



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**Monthly Meeting - June 23, 2008**

**Members Present: Ray Faustich, Bill Paecht, Bob Lang**

**Members Absent: Bill Stowe, Dom Bellucci**

**Guests Present: Al Yagovane - Broad St. Park project, Mike Gargano - Seymour Pop Warner, Seth Gibson - Seymour Valley Softball League**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht**

**Minutes of the April 28, 2008 meeting were read. Motion to accept, Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill, All in favor.**

**Seth Gibson presented a request to use Matthies Park for a fund raiser tournament on August 2 & 3 during daylight hours. The application was approved.**

**Mike Gargano presented a game schedule for Pop Warner home games. They would like to use Sponheimer Field, Sub varsity field, Gesek Field, and DeBarber field on 8/31, 9/7, 9/21, and 10/12. The board was worried about DeBarber Field being overused if we allow 20 Pop Warner games on it. Much discussion ensued. Mike was asked to check with his board and let us know if fewer games could be played at DeBarber Field and some games at the sub varsity field. The need for an artificial turf field was again brought up but funding would have to come from state or federal grants.**

**The lights at the sub varsity field are still not installed and wired. We will check with PW director Dennis Rozum about a completion date.**

**The Supt. of Schools has asked us to notify her before any construction is done on school property.**

**Alex Danko presented a request from Seymour Land Trust to have a fireworks display at Chalfield Park on December 13, 2008. Motion to approve, Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray, all in favor.**

Alex reported that there is less vandalism at Chatfield Park and French Park. He makes nightly checks of those parks as well as Bob Lang Field. Alex and Bill were concerned that dead trees were cut at French Park but not removed.

Board members as a whole were concerned with the lack of maintenance at many parks. Bob reported that Sponheimer Field infield dirt areas are filled with weeds and grass as is the pitching mound. The adult baseball league using the field is not happy with field conditions. Bob was also concerned with the Matthies Park conditions. There are 7 bulbs burned out, home plate is protruding out of the ground and the infield area is very hard.

Ray was concerned that there is no scheduled maintenance of the parks. He questioned accountability for the maintenance. Much discussion ensued about field conditions.

The new vandal proof picnic tables for French Park have arrived. They will be permanently installed.

The picnic tables at Chatfield Park were vandalized and Alex removed 3 tables temporarily. Since then, the recreation commission has purchased 5 more tables to replace the damaged ones. Alex widened the parking area at Chatfield Park. Wood chips are needed for the play area.

Al Yagovane presented 3 quotes for bricks at the Broad Street Park. After much discussion, Bill explained that we will have to go out to bid for the bricks since they exceed the \$5,000 limit. Al asked permission to scrape and paint the gazebo at the park at his expense. Motion to approve, Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, All in favor. The motion included a deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the painting.

Ray presented requests for Seymour Soccer Association to use Gary Park soccer field from July 1 to August 1 and SMS soccer field from July 21 to August 15. This would be for soccer clinics. Motion to approve, Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, all in favor.

Bob inquired about the delay in building the bocce courts and horseshoe pits at the SCC field.

There was a request to use the Chatfield Park pavilion or other park pavilion on May 23, 2009 for a wedding reception. We need more information before approving the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM. Motion by Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Lang". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Bob Lang**  
**Secretary, Parks Commission**