

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 28, 2010

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairperson, Joe LaRovera. Members welcomed Patrick Stanek as a new member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha – Patrick Stanek – Gary Bruce – Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Andrzejewski – Glenn Green – Missy Orosz-PT Associate Director

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman, Paul Roy – Sandra Gesek, Board of Selectman member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Joe F. to approve the amended minutes of May 28, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Christine reported line item 620-500 with a balance of \$15,503.50 as of July 27, 2010.

A motion was made by Joe F. and seconded by Gary to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: -Program Updates

-Summer Camp - Several families had 3 or more children sign up this summer. Two trips have taken place so far and were well received. Sprinklers have been available at both parks in lieu of the pool being unavailable this summer. The sign-in, sign-out sheets are working out fine. Theme days are going well. The Cultural Arts Program on July 28 was well received by all. Jack and Missy will send a thank you to the Cultural Arts Committee for having this program again this year. Walkie talkies are also working well.

-Fall Programming- Possible floor hockey and Zumba for kids may be offered this fall. Monday and Wednesday gym time at Bungay School has been confirmed with the Board of Education. At present there does not seem to be the same availability at Chatfield or the Middle School. Paul Roy will request the use of the Seymour High School cafeteria for upcoming programs.

-Travel/Trips – 8/18-19 - Saratoga trip is scheduled

10/3 – LaCage Aux Folles on Broadway has been scheduled - \$110.00

11/7- Cake Boss trip at the Shubert Theater - \$54.00 ticket

11/21 – Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show - \$81.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Center - Joe L. reported that the 5th grade night had a good response from Chatfield and Bungay PTA's. Gary suggested the possibility of raising the attendance fee per night from the present \$2.00 per visit. Other members felt that the \$2.00 is fine especially when refreshments are sold. Paul Roy suggested the possibility of holding a fund raiser for the Cougar's Den if necessary.

Christine reported there is a grant for the Cougar's Den at present. One half, up to \$4,600. will be matched from the grant on what is spent for new equipment or improvements to the Cougar's Den. This was well received by all members present.

-Outside Vendors – Joe L reported that some legal papers need to be signed for liability. He and Paul Roy have met with the Finance Department on this matter.

-Skate Park – The Skate Park sign has been removed by Dennis. The park is to be dismantled soon.

-Background checks – The Police Department took care of this for camp staff. Fall referees will need to be checked as well. Criminal background checks cost money, however, sex offender checks are free. Gary mentioned that he believes the State Police do some of these background checks for free. All volunteers and staff need background checks per Joe F., especially when working with children. Patrick will get a price for basic background checks and report back to Joe L.

-Cell phone contract/Track Phones – Head counselors are the only camp staff using the cell phones.

-Rainy Days at Community Center – Joe L. discussed this concern with Paul Roy. They concluded that this is not feasible for this summer. Joe F. suggested that Jack and Missy work on a plan and present it to the Board so it may be in effect for next summer. Parking issues will need to be worked out if this is to happen.

-Basketball Sponsor Letter – Paul Roy will discuss this with the Board of Selectmen as to where to place the signs that have been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communications - A letter from McHugh, Chapman & Montalbano, LLC, Attorneys at Law, regarding the Freedom of Information Act Request. Concerns over the basketball court at Sochrin's Pond. Paul Roy is very aware of this letter.

-Letter from Reginald Johnson stating his interest in running basketball workouts/clinic once a week for boys and girls 5th grade and up. No action taken.

-Letter from Joe Carrafiello thanking the Recreation Department for sponsoring the Wildcat Basketball Camp again this year.

-Letter from Ashly Scarn, Head Coach of the SHS Cheerleading, requesting use of the gym Aug 27, 2010 through March 30, 2011 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-5:30 PM. Also requested is November 1, 2010 thru March 30, 2011 for Mondays 2:30-5:30 PM.

-Letter from New England Overland Floor Specialists Inc. proposing to screen disc the entire gym floor and make necessary repairs. The total cost would be \$1,500.00.

-Letters from Paul Roy appointing Christine Battis and Patrick Stanek as members of the Board until 2012.

-Verbal request from Paul Roy needing to know who has keys to the Community Center. Jack will get this information to him.

Tennis – A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe F. to table this discussion until the August meeting when Missy is present. All in favor, motion carried.

Summer Programming - Christine stated there has been some clean up issues at the parks. Jack explained that counselors clean up before they leave and campers are encouraged to help. After visiting Chatfield Park one day, Paul Roy shared that the camp staff seem to be doing this before leaving the park. The parks are open to the public at all times and some of the litter may not be from summer camps only.

Fall Programming – Floor hockey and fall programs need to be ready soon. Joe L. mentioned some towns use school gyms on the weekends. Paul Roy suggested writing a letter to the Board of Education to see if this might be possible. Custodian fees will be a concern if this is allowed.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Joe L. presented members a new draft list of fee schedules for gym use in the future. He will meet with Paul Roy to discuss this further.

Joe F. recommended the flyer for basketball be distributed to the schools earlier this fall rather than in October.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe F. to allow SHS cheerleaders use of the gym at the Director's discretion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe F. and seconded by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, August 25, 2010** at the Community Center. **Members are reminded to contact Joe L. if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved
Jean Banks, Recording Secretary

