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Seymour Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Bruce– Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey – Lisa Andrzejewski – Joe Falcha (left at 8:05 PM – Missy Orduz , PT Associate Director (arrived 8:02 PM) Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Geffert

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Gargano, of Seymour Pop Warner, requested gym time, mainly for September and October. Pop Warner is willing to work with the Recreation Department programs sponsored events as to availability of the gym. The gym is needed for practice approximately six hours per week. They do pay for the use of the gym and need an area to store their mats. Jack has a list of dates they have already requested. This will be discussed further on during the meeting. Jack and Missy will work with Mike on gym availability.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Jennifer to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting. Christine –yes Gary – was not present therefore abstained
Joe L. –yes Jennifer – yes Lisa – abstained. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported a balance for line item 620-500 of \$16,146.19 as of 8/24/09. A discussion was held regarding the balance remaining for the rest of the fiscal year, A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Joe L. to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter dated June 1, 2009 was received from George R. Temple, Town Counsel, advising that the town will not be responsible for medical bills for people involved in leagues or any other athletic activity. This exclusion covers all age groups. He also enclosed a memorandum of understanding regarding medical insurance. This would include all programs sponsored by the Seymour Recreation Department. This will be discussed further next month after Jack has a chance to discuss the wording with George.

Coach Stephanie Ciccone requested dates for use of the gym as well. Jack will be giving her dates for Tuesday and Thursday use after Recreation program dates are set.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT : Skate Park – has continued to decrease revenue in June and July. The past six weeks have picked up bringing in \$80-\$162. Attendance pay outweighed the income. This is an ongoing issue. Joe F. mentioned he has spoken in the past with First Selectman, Bob Koskelowski regarding this concern. Once again members suggested moving the Skate Park to the field next to the Community Center. No further action was taken at this time.

Summer camp registrations indicated 363 participants. Christine offered to bring actual figures of how many registered to see if it balanced with the fees collected. This will be available at the next meeting. Swimming lessons ended up with 44 children participating. The storage container at Chatfield Park was cleaned out and picked up on the last Friday. Because of the clean condition, the Recreation Department was not charged the fee for August. The hut at Gary Park was also left in good shape and Jack has not heard any negative reports from the Parks Department.

Karate has a few more signups due to the extensive media coverage. Joe L. mentioned that Dean would like an additional day to have classes and is willing to pay extra for use of the room. These extra classes would be held on Saturday mornings. Gary suggested that Jack get a copy of Dean's enrollment application for the karate classes he runs. Also suggested was to possibly have Dean attend a future meeting to discuss the additional days needed. No further action was taken at this time.

Travel/Trips:

Lake George/Sarasota trip on 8/19 was great.

Boston Pops/James Taylor Concert at Tanglewood is sold out.

"South Pacific" on 10/25 is sold out.

"9 to 5" will close on 9/7 so a full refund for the tickets was received.

Christmas Show at Radio City will be advertised for 11/22

Ireland trip for May 4, 2010 is set. A slide-show and discussion already took place.

Missy is planning the fall programs:

- pre-school sports mania
- Youth co-ed floor hockey – Mondays and Tuesdays
- Pre-school parent/child arts and crafts class – Tuesdays
- Toddler parent/child game time session
- Youth indoor tennis clinic – Thursdays

Times and actual dates will be available soon. All activities will be either Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Monday and Thursday evenings. (see New Business)

Seymour Cultural and Arts Commission was sent a letter of thanks for the "Caribbean" themed program they sponsored at Gary Park on July 16th. The children really enjoyed the day.

Toddler's playgroup will open starting Monday, September 14th. There are 10-12 openings at this time and it will be advertised soon. This group meets from 9:45-11:45 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Cougar's Den will need police backup this year if it is to run smoothly. Rules need to be followed and ID's need to be presented. The Commission hopes to open this program late in September.

Joe L. suggested a separate event could be held at the Cougar's Den for each of the three elementary schools in town. No further action taken at this time.

Jennifer requested a calendar that lists all programs sponsored by the Recreation Department, including dates, times, daytime and evening activities and what area they are held in. If possible it should be for two or three months with as much information as available at the time of the next monthly meeting of the Recreation Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Joe F. and seconded by Joe L. to go out of order at this point (8:05 PM) to discuss the CT Speed School which was tabled from the last meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to allow the CT Speed School to run a program in the fall. Christine –yes Joe L. –yes Jennifer-yes
Lisa-yes Gary-abstained

Summer Camps – will be discussed further after the Board of Finance meets. (Joe F. left at this time 8:10 PM).

Skate Park – will be discussed further after the Board of Finance meets.

The meeting went back to order at 8:11 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Missy shared her new fall programs which she alone will need to run due to financial cutbacks. She may need to limit the number of participants. Programs will be run Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Monday and Thursday evenings. Some programs will be held in other rooms on the main level of the Community Center while others will be in the gym tying up the gym from approximately 5:15-9:00 PM. Other days and evenings may become available for programs already requested by others. Missy will email her scheduled to all Commission members.

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **September 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe F. if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary