

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING            JANUARY 23, 2008            RECREATIONAL CENTER  
FOLLOWED BY REGULAR MEETING**

The organizational meeting, in Executive Session, opened at 7:08 PM with Joe F. appointing temporary Chairperson, Dawn Supranovich, to seek nominations for officers for 2007.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Donna. to nominate Joe Falcha, Chairperson.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Joe F. to nominate Dawn as Vice Chairman however, Dawn declined. .

A motion was then made by Donna and seconded by Dawn to nominate Joe L. as Vice Chairman. Nominations were closed.

There was no additional nomination from the floor

A motion was made by Joe F. and seconded by Donna to nominate Mark as Secretary. Nominations were closed.

All nominations were closed and voting was cast for the entire slate of officers as presented. All in favor, new officers will be as follows:

**The new officers for 2008 will be:**

**Joe Falcha - Chairperson  
Joe LaRovera - Vice Chairperson  
Mark Thompson – Secretary**

At 7:29 PM the meeting came out of Executive Session and Dawn turned the meeting over to Chairperson, Joe Falcha, who called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. New officers will take over at the meeting in February.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha – Dawn Supranovich – Mark Thompson – Donna Ragaini and Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Battis – Joe LaRovera – Gary Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Duffy requested use of the gym for one day a week in February and March. This would be for a soccer program for boys 8-10 years old. Day of the week would depend on availability.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Dawn to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2007 meeting, with the following change:

Director's Report - Date of High School Musical was January 4, 2008 not July 4, 2008.  
All in favor, motion carried, minutes approved..

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe reported the following:

Contracted Services line item #620-500 estimated total balance as of 1/22/07 \$12,498.70.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Mark to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bob Lang of the Seymour Little League requested an additional day for use of the gym on 3/9 .

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jack reported the following:

"Wicked" may be run again in the fall. -Jack will book the show and get a date set up.

Jack is also checking into some requested baseball games.

Karate Class registrations will be next week. Fliers will go through the schools.

Lisa Andrejewski, from the Bungay PTA still has to confirm some dates with Jack for after school programs to be run in March and April.

"High School Musical on Ice" at Harbor Yard was a hit.

Family swim has about 20 families with a total of 60 people at one time.

"Grease" on April 13 has a few seats left.

"Catered Affair" will be held on May 10.

"Young Frankenstein" will be advertised soon.

Girls Youth Day at Yale game on February 23 has room for 50 to attend.

Smuckers on Ice show at Harbor Yard is April 6.

Vietnamese Concert will be sometime in May.

"Phantom of the Opera" will be June 7. This is a makeup day due to the strike in the fall.

Donna requested a calendar for two months at a time rather than only one month. This would allow the Commission members opportunity to fill in some of the blanks at a meeting.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Donna to go out of order to discuss the budget which is due on February 1. The regular agenda will proceed if time allows going back to it. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - BUDGET DISCUSSION: After a lengthy discussion, the Commission all agreed that with many new programs being offered, Jack needs an Associate Director for up to nineteen hours per week. This has been discussed several times in the past as well. The town will be asked to fund this additional cost at the next Finance Board meeting. Everyone agreed of the need to hire someone to help supervise the Youth Center activities as well. A suggestion was to possibly hire two high school or college students but continue to keep adult volunteers at events. It was suggested that a new line item might be added to include a salary of up to \$20,000.00 a year for an Associate Director who will report to the Commission. This person would help lighten the load for Jack. Joe F. will attend the Finance meeting and present the concerns of the Commission and report at the next meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Dawn to approve Pat Duffy's request for gym use from 4:30-5:30 PM one day a week for February and March to run a soccer program for boys under age 10. All in Favor, motion carried.

Due to the budget discussion there was no time remaining to discuss background check procedures.

Joe F. suggested running some program that would have a fee during the February school break. There was no additional time for further discussion.

A motion was made by Donna. and seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM. All in favor, motion carried, and meeting adjourned.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are asked to contact Joe F. or Jack if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary