

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2008

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice Chairperson, Joe LaRovera.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha (7:20 arrival)- Gary Bruce– Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis –Jim Geffert – Jennifer Harkey – Missy Orosz, Part Time Associate Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Thompson – Jack Ahearn, Director

TREASURER’S REPORT - None available.

COMMUNICATIONS: A request from George J. Hummel Little League for use of the ym for winter hitting and fielding clinics. Dates requested are January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; and March 7, 14, 21 from 2:00-7:00 PM.

A gym and Cougar’s Den request from Lisa Andrejewski, Chairperson of the Afterschool Adventure Program of Bungay School. Dates requested are March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 and April 2. Makeup week on April 7 and April 9.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

-Tennis Program – maybe be using the gym on Sundays from 9-noon if inclement weather. There will be no winter tennis lessons this year.

-Mr.Doyle has not shown up yet with gym rental fees.

-Promotional meeting on 10/28 for the spring trip to Sicily.

-Radio City Christmas show is scheduled for 11/16.

-New York City for the day is scheduled for 12/6.

-Yankee Candle and Holyoke Mall trip is scheduled for 12/10.

-Boston Pops at Harbor Yard is 12/13.

-Basketball teams to practice in the gym in November. Schedules need to be worked out. Missy reported that right now there is no basketball director. She is working on getting it organized. Girls numbers are low at present. She would like to get a simple letter to the Middle School once Jack returns from his Grand Canyon trip next week. LoPresti, the Middle School and the Community center will be used for the games.

-Missy would like to offer some swim lessons as an extra program. She will look into availability of the pool time.

-Line dancing class (40 people), along with ballroom dancing class (20 people) has started at Chatfield.

-Karate classes are going well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fee schedule – Jim G. handed out copies of invoices for use of facilities for both residents and non-residents of Seymour who request use of either the gym or Cougar’s Den. Gary suggested that the forms be reviewed by the town lawyer as well.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to approve the fees for residents and non residents as listed below.

Community Center Gymnasium

Resident- \$50.00 per session Monday –Thursday *.
\$75.00 per session Friday – Sunday *
*Non-profit organizations maximum not to exceed \$400./month
Session times - Session 1- 8:00 AM – 11:45 AM
 Session 2 12:00 PM -. 3:45 PM
 Session 3 4:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Non-resident \$125.00 per session Monday – Thursday *
\$175.00 per session Friday – Sunday *
Session times would be the same as stated above for residents.

Cougar’s Den (Youth Center) will be available for rental by residents only
\$50.00 per hour (3 hour minimum)
\$100.00 deposit required

All rates and times are subject to changed based on the discretion of Seymour Recreation Department.

All in favor, motion carried.

Hold Harmless agreements as original application for use of the facilities will also need to be filled out by those wishing to use the facilities.

Youth Basketball Program: Joe L. will get Missy more information from other towns how they run their programs. Joe F. will check with Caroline Flaminio with some questions regarding her many years of running the program in Seymour. A subcommittee consisting of Joe L. and Missy will work together to make a schedule for new teams. Gary suggested an orientation for players and coaches to go over rules and regulations of the program itself.

Children’s Music Program – Missy and her children sat in on a class in Oxford and brought back to the group for discussion what the program entailed. After discussion the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Jennifer to not have this program. All in favor, motion carried.

Youth Center Opening –The first meeting for 6th graders will be held Friday, November 7, 2008. It was suggested that each child participating bring a photo of themselves that would be kept

with other pertinent information about themselves on a card as their official identification to participate in the Cougar's Den activities. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. There is also a need for sign-up sheets for around 8 chaperones per session. Chaperones are needed in the dance room, at the door, for refreshment area and near the bathrooms. There will be a \$2.00 entrance fee payable at the door each time they attend. There will be a registration form sent home from the Middle School that will contain emergency contact for each student attending. A monthly schedule of activities will be available soon. Missy is planning on having one Family Night per month, as well as, individual nights for both 6th graders and 7/8 th graders. She has several theme nights in the works. Fliers are set to go to the Middle School next week. Missy did indicate she may need more adults willing to help at start up seeing some of the college students are not available for opening night. A preregistration night was suggested before opening night. The flyer needs to indicate limited occupancy. She will post the dates on the Town website so those participating will know what will be happening. Gary suggested a few of the students might be requested to help with the cleanup each session and possibly be given free refreshments for the night. Also suggested was having a Teen Commission to work with Missy on ideas.

Skate Park Closing –Christine will get a letter to Dennis to close the park and ramps by November 1. There was some discussion as to whether to open the Skate Park at all next year because the ramps are in very bad shape. No action taken.

High School Pool Rules/Regulations – there are no rules posted at this time. Joe mentioned that the insurance company for the town will be contacted to get ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Children's Holiday Fair – will be held again with date to be determined.

Travel Basketball Program Joe F. will check with other towns how their programs run. He indicated there is a need for tryouts for this pilot program if it is to happen.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jim to approve a pilot program to run a travel basketball team. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jennifer to allow Lisa Andrzejewski, Chairperson of the Afterschool Adventure Program of Bungay School, to run her program pending schedules and availability of the gym for use. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **November 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe if they cannot attend.**

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