

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

COMMUNITY CENTER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Bruce– Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Mark Thompson – Jim Geffert – new member Jennifer Harkey - Jack Ahearn, Director and. Missy Orosz, Part-time Associate Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike Ayles and Don Smith who is the Co-Chairman of the Building Committee for the proposed Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School Project.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jennifer to go out of order to accommodate Mike and Don who wished to share insight on the proposed school project. All in favor, motion carried.

Mark reported that the school building project would benefit the Recreation Department by an added larger gym. Mike mentioned that fence at Chatfield School will be lengthened as well and more parking spaces created. Don also mentioned that the gym would be designed to be used as an emergency shelter if necessary. Members were encouraged to attend the referendum voting on October 7 from 600 AM through 8:00 PM. Brochures were handed out to members to see the actual design of the project. Joe F. thanked the men for coming to share their insights as well as answer questions from the Commission members.

The meeting then went back to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Gary to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2008 meeting previously submitted to Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack reported the following:
Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 9/23/08.....\$14,211.57
Jack explained to new member Jennifer how the line items on the report were arrived at.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Copies of the letters from Bob Koskelowski to Donna Ragaini and Dawn Supranovich thanking them for their service on the Recreation Commission.
- Copy of the letter from Bob Koskelowski to Jennifer Harkey appointing her to the Recreation Commission.
- Seymour Days at Quassy will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th. Cost for Seymour residents is \$5.00 for parking and free admission to the park itself. Non-residents may attend for \$6.00 per person.
-A copy of the Community Forum Event on October 16, 2008 at Woodland Regional High School to discuss open space opportunities to the community.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

The Skate Park has a loose platform that needs to be repaired.

The Summer tennis program still having problems with lights. Gary suggested that Scott Andrews be contacted to possibly bring a ladder truck to the tennis courts to reach and repair the lights.

Karate program has had a few more signups and is still being advertised.

Basketball registrations will be held on October 14, 15, and 20 at the Recreation Department. Missy will assist while Jack is away. Saturday morning signups will include 6 & 7 year olds with the older groups. Sign up times will be from 6:30-8:00 PM all three evenings..

Future Stars Basketball camp requested a series of dates but Pop Warner is already booked. Mr. Doyle has not shown up yet with the gym rental fee owed.

Yankee Candle & Holyoke Mall trip is 12/10.

Grand Canyon, Sedona trip in October is ready to go.

Radio City Christmas Show will be 11/16.

New York City date trip for 12/6 will be advertised soon.

The SHS cheerleaders and Jack have worked out Tuesday and Thursday gym times from 2:30-5:00 PM until the spring. These are the same times as last year.

Line dancing class will start at Chatfield on 9/29. A ballroom dancing class will take place the same night after the line dancing. Six couples have signed up for the ballroom dancing so far.

OLD BUSINESS –The sub-committee of Joe L., Jim and Mark presented a draft copy of the application for use of facilities indicating three daily sessions. There will be different rates for residents and non-residents. The rental of the Cougar's Den will be for Seymour residents only. There was a lot of discussion regarding the drafts and the committee will return next month with all the adjusted corrections suggested. Pop Warner would be considered as a resident rate. People who want to rent the gym in conjunction with a business, may be charged the rental fee plus a percentage

of their charged fee. Gary recommended that Recreation sponsored programs should still have first priority over the gym use. Schedules can change and the commission has the right of refusal. Everything will be finalized in writing next month so it can go into affect shortly thereafter.

Youth Basketball Directors applications are still being advertised as well as accepted. The Commission would prefer one director for the boy's teams and one for the girl's teams. Missy and Jack will handle the registrations and applicants as they come in. They will also decide on who will be hired for the positions so that practices can start in November. Missy will check on the availability of gym use from the schools and report back to the Commission.

Children's Music Program tabled from last month will be researched more by Missy who hopes to attend one of the sessions that are being held in Oxford. She will report back next month on her findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Center: Missy reported that the Youth Center will open soon. She has some college students needing an internship who might help run the Youth Center Cougar's Den activities on Friday nights. She suggested one night for the 6th graders, one night for 7-8th graders and one Family Night per month. She presented several ideas for theme nights throughout the year. This will be for Seymour residents only. A sign-in/sign-out sheet will be necessary. She presently has plans for November 7 – 6th grade, November 14- 7/8th grade and November 21 as a Family night. Christine will send Missy the template of last years flyer which will need to be run off and given to the Middle School for distribution. Missy hopes to get the programs advertised on the town website as well as in the school, library, and if possible, on the marquee at the Community Center. Everyone agreed that the advertising of the program is important. More updates on the programs next month.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **October 22, 2008 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