

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha - Christine Battis – Mark Thompson –Donna Ragaini

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dawn Supranovich – Joe LaRovera – Gary Bruce – Jack Ahearn, Director

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Mark to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2008 meeting after the following amendments are made:

Under Next Meeting scheduled - the wrong date was submitted. It should have read July 23, 2008 rather than August 23, 2008.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Mark to approve the minutes with amendments. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Christine explained that it is a new fiscal year therefore; the balance is higher at present.
Contracted services line item -620-500 estimated total balance as of 7/22/08 \$20,803.72.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Christine to accept this report.
Christine – yes Mark – yes Donna-yes Joe F. - yes

COMMUNICATIONS:. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

-Summer camps – approx. 370 campers split equally between the 2 parks. First trip to Roller Magic was a success with 3 buses. Kevin McGuire declined the counselor position at Chatfield Park and was replaced by Matt Browne from the alternate list. A discussion continued regarding some racial remarks written in chalk at the Chatfield Park blacktop areas. Bob Koskelowski was informed of this as well as Jack who then spoke with counselors about the issue. Concern was shown over a town truck with mulch being in the center of the playscape area while camp was in session and children could have been in danger. This should have been done before or after the daily session for the day. Joe F. will talk with Jack about the situation as a safety issue.

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-Skate Park – Public Works department removed tarps from under the ramps and are storing them in their garage because they were being misused during off hours. Part of the fences are being knocked down. Police should be notified by the Skate Park staff if this is observed. Christine handed out an Account Detail Report of expenses for 2007-2008 for the Skate Park.

-Tennis Program – had 85 participants. Problem with the lights not going on automatically but the parks department is working on the problem. The tennis program for fall should be advertised soon possibly for children again. At this time the Tennis instructor is not planning an

adult session unless she gets more help. She would like to come to the August 27 meeting to discuss this further. This will be put on the agenda for August.

-Youth Center - Christine was asked to have an update on this next month. Grants are presently in the works.

-Karate program – publicity has been extended and a few more have signed up since the extension.

-Summer swim lessons - 30 children are registered with two instructors and one instructor in training which should work out well for next year.

-Future Stars basketball camp is in the gym this week. Mr. Doyle should advise of the number of participants so finances can be completed.

-“Wicked” on 9/14 – sold out.

-“Young Frankenstein” – on 8/31 – a few seats left.

-Grand Canyon, Sedona trip in October is set to go.

-Radio City Christmas Show will be 11/16/08.

-Lake George/Saratoga trip will be 8/19/08.

-Jack spoke with Nancy Cole regarding the SHS cheerleaders fund raiser but she has not gotten back to him yet with an exact date.

-SHS cheerleader coach will work out a gym schedule with Jack once school starts in September.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Christine to go out of order for Old Business then return to the Fee Schedule. All in favor, motion carried.

- Youth Basketball Director(s) update – Joe F. will write up and see that this position is posted on the Town website. Someone needs to be hired by fall for these positions. Christine did suggest that a member from the Recreation Commission be involved in the interview process for hiring the youth basketball director position, but the Commission took this suggestion one step further by agreeing that several members from the Commission should be involved in the interview process screening the applicants the same way we do for camp counselors, Skate Park employees, etc.. There was consensus on this point.

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- Associate Director update – 16-18 applications have been submitted. Bob Koskelowski, Joe F. and Jack should meet with the prospective hires. Joe F. will check with Bob on this matter.
- Policies/Procedures - approval from the Board of Education to hand out flyers for Seymour Recreation programs offered needs to be addressed. Joe F. will ask to be put on the agenda for the next Board of Education meeting to address this. He will also get information on policies and rules at the pool.

-Fee Schedule - Christine will email to Commission members a copy of the fees suggested several months ago. Joe again handed out a schedule of fees (dated 6/25/08) that might be considered. The fee schedule needs to be finalized soon and will be discussed again next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Director's thoughts on new programs:

Jack had mentioned previously of fall tennis lessons for adults as well as a beginners knitting class for youth. These will be discussed at another meeting.

Mark suggested that a bulletin board be mounted in the Community Center for posting the different activities sponsored by the Recreation Department. There was support and consensus for the mounting of a bulleting board in the Community Center.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Donna to ask Jack to create a list of programs offered by the Seymour Recreation Department, so a brochure can be ready by the end of 2009. These lists will be posted in various places in town. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Christine to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August **27, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary