

RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 25, 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 – Joe Falcha – Mark Thompson - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Ragaini – Dawn Supranovich

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Gary to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported the following:

Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 6/25/08\$3,580.10.
A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried. A discussion followed suggesting the possibility to use some of the remaining balance for picnic tables for the parks. No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Another flyer from Music Together, a program for young children, was again submitted. No action taken.

A letter from Nancy Cole, President of the Seymour Spirit Club, requesting use of the gym for a fund raiser event on August 9 and/or August 23. She also requested continued use of the gym for fall series for the Seymour High School cheerleaders practice session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

Summer camps have over 300 registered at this time.
Twenty-six are registered for the swim program..
Tennis program – has 83 children and is very popular.
There is a strong interest for an adult tennis program in the fall.

The Multi Sports Camp is cancelled due to lack of participants.
The Skate Park is running well.
The fee owed from previous basketball clinics has been paid up.
Karate class has about 6 in the Junior level and only a few in the older level but is going well.
Women's exercise class will start again in late August.
Playgroup for toddlers finished on June 16 and will start again in the fall.
Family swim nights ended in April.
Camp counselors have received their FA/CPR training with everyone passing the test.
Orientation for summer camp staff will be held 6/26 at the Community Center.
No update on the soccer program that Jay Hatfield requested last month.
Jack is looking into a knitting program for children, possibly for the fall.
"Wicked" on 9/14 is sold out.
"Young Frankenstein" has a few seats left.
Grand Canyon trip in October has 20 people interested so far.
Radio City Christmas show will be confirmed soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

FEE SCHEDULE: Joe F. handed out a tentative schedule of fees for gym use. Members were reminded that the Board of Education may charge a fee for use of school fields. Joe F. will look into this possibility and report next month. Town fields (Gary Park, Chatfield Park and French Park) should not have a fee for use if reserved by the Seymour Recreation Department for sponsored programs.

Joe F. led a discussion of how to bring in additional funds to help defray the cost of electricity and heat on weekends for activities at the Community Center. Joe L. shared that he has been approached by a few people asking to hold private parties in the Cougar's Den on weekends. Setting a fee for use of such parties might be one way to bring in some additional funds.

Any new programs sponsored by the Seymour Recreation Department that Jack handles the finances for, should be advertised as soon as possible in the newspapers. Commercial events, that handle their own finances, should be advertised and handled by the persons running the event. Members agreed when fees are definitely set up, the Commission will have the right to waive or revise the fee schedule at any time.

Gary recommended a signed agreement with any group using the Community Center, possibly with a security deposit that could be returned if the area is in good condition after the event.

More research will be done and reported at the next meeting before a definite fee schedule is set up.

MORE OLD BUSINESS: Advertising for the position of Associate Director was in the *Waterbury Republican* and was available on the Town website. A job description was included and should include "or any other duties as requested by the Director". Several resumes have been submitted. Joe F., First Selectman, Robert Koskelowski and Jack will handle the interviewing process.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Joe L. to honor the dates requested by Seymour High School cheerleaders to hold a fund raiser in the gym, for the normal fee of \$50.00. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Gary to allow the Seymour High School cheerleaders gym use starting in the fall through March 2009 with flexibility of the Director. All in favor, motion carried.

Applications will be accepted for the position of Youth Basketball Director. This will be advertised soon.

NEW PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES - will be waived until July 23, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Joe L. to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **August 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe F. or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary