

RECREATION COMMISSION

CORRECTED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 22, 2007

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Vice Chairperson, Christine Battis.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Bruce– Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Donna Ragaini – Dawn Supranovich - Mark Thompson - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Falcha

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Christine to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting. Mark – yes Christine –yes Gary – yes. Donna, Dawn and Joe L. were not present at that meeting therefore abstained from voting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no report this month because Jack was unable to get a printout report from Town Hall when he went to get it.

The Account Detail Report regarding the finances for the Skate Park was handed out for the fiscal year 2006-2007 and one for fiscal year 2007-2008. Joe F. will discuss the figures next month. Christine reminded the Board that hours of running the Skate Park will be reduced once school starts.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from Jim Caprio, of Jim's Ice Cream, asking permission to sell ice cream again next summer at the playgrounds, will be put on file. He also indicated that his vendor's license and permits are renewed yearly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

Mark and Jack interviewed two prospective employees for the Skate Park and have hired Jerry Zenkus and Jeff Kosko to help out. Kirk will continue as needed and will divide hours with Jerry and Jeff for the remainder of the season.

A reporter from the *Waterbury Republican*. was given a tour of the rooms that will be used for the Youth Center. An article followed after that tour was given.

Jack showed some of the crafts that were done at the summer playgrounds and commented that the summer program was run well again this year.

Lake George/Sarasota trip was great.
Tanglewood for the Pops on 8/26 is sold out.
“Legally Blonde” on Broadway – 9/9 is sold out
“Mama Mia” on Broadway – 10/21 is sold out.
“Phantom of the Opera” is sold out
Christmas Show at Harbor Yard has a few seats left.
Boston Pops Christmas Show – to be announced.
“Grease” on 4/13 – to be announced.
“High School Musical” at Harbor Yard on 1/4/08 will be announced soon.
Yankee Candle trip in December will be announced soon – probably on 12/4.
NYC Day trip – to be announced
London/Paris for the springtime has about a dozen seats left. There are foreign restrictions on seats.
Biddy Basketball sign ups will be held mid October with dates to be announced. Practices start 11/1 and games start 12/1.
Pop Warner has been given 36 dates to use the gym. These dates were worked around the Exercise class and yoga for the fall which will be moving to Bungay School gym.
The Hurricanes continue to practice on the weekends in the gym and/or field.

OLD BUSINESS

Christine brought to the Commission’s attention that the Skate Park ramps should not be covered with tarps at the end of the season. The ramps are probably not going to last another full season as per reports after the inspections that took place earlier this season.

YOUTH CENTER: Joe L. reported that locks have been changed and there will be access to the Youth Center rooms from the outside door. Pinball type machines may be available and cost would be around \$50.00 per month for use of the machines. Staffing for the center has not yet been determined. Donna volunteered to help on occasion. Lockers may be available for the youth to store things in while at the Youth Center once it opens. Water and light snacks may be available as well.

The Commission is unsure at this point, if the Center will be open for youth in grades 7 and 8 or 6th graders as well. Tentative opening is scheduled for mid to late September. Joe L is waiting for the art teacher or students to do a mural on the wall. A workshop may be necessary to prepare the rooms before official opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Instructional basketball may take place early to mid October for 6-7 year olds. More discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding who is responsible for the upkeep on the town parks. Gary mentioned he learned that two (Public Works) employees are dedicated to maintaining the parks.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Joe L. to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **September 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes having now been approved as written

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary