

**Seymour Recreation Commission at Seymour Community Center-  
August 23, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Joe Larovera, Glenn Green, Collen Lundgren, Janice Keough, and Recreation Manager, Zack Philippas.

**Commission Chair, Joe Larovera, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31PM.**

**Public Comment:**

No Comment.

**Review of the Minutes from May 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting-**

Motion to accept: Glenn Green; Seconded by Janice Keough.

Approved-4:0:0

**Review of the Treasurers Report for January-**

Joe Larovera noticed there has not been any spending and Zack Philippas explained that they are on a budget freeze.

Motion to accept: Glenn Green; Seconded by Colleen Lundgren.

Approved-4:0:0

**Recreation Manager's/Director Report-**

Zack Philippas is now officially full-time!

Playground Program went very well with a total 263 children registered.

Field Trips during the Playground Program also went well, there was only a few complaints about how hot the baseball game was.

Promotional videos are going to be eventually made for each program that the Recreation Department offers.

The trips to places like Lake Compounce were successful, and so were the camps offered. For example, The Wildcat Camp.

The Red Sox vs. Yankees Game: Forty-nine out of the fifty tickets were sold.

There will be two new karate instructors who have already been popping into current classes. Come October Dean, the current instructor, will no longer be instructing.

New Zumba instructor who get amazing turnouts. She already does a Saturday class but when fall comes she will be offering a night class. The Recreation Department will not deliver their program newsletter through voices. They will be using a place out of Woodridge who will be delivering to the 6,000 households in Seymour.

The Fitness Center will be receiving a new treadmill, a stationary bike, and a row machine.

A new program they will be trying is line dancing.

Youth programs will now be including Hobby Quest. This will be right after school and it will be about aviation-kids building their own airplanes and learn how to fly.

Chess Club will be at Chatfield and at SMS.

Adult Sport Programs:

Under 40 Basketball League will now be on Thursday nights instead of Sunday nights at the Middle School.

Over 30 League will stay at the Community Center.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dodgeball Tournament will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30PM (Friday before Thanksgiving).

High School Basketball league in the future they would possibly get about 3 teams from Seymour and they could participate in the Oxford Rec League and they would be able to use the Seymour Community Center Gym.

Co-ed Open Volleyball will be Tuesday nights. Participants will be able to come and make teams. For Adults 18 and older but if high schoolers want to join, it shouldn't be a problem. They will have the space for 2 hours.

Zack has already gotten 3 new sponsorships for Rec Basketball and everyone but two sponsors have renewed for this year so far.

### **Discussion Regarding Replacement of Corresponding Secretary-**

Joe Larovera let the Commission Board know that Becca Cretella, the Recording Secretary, will no longer be able to attend the meetings due to

school. He asked the commission to let him know if they know anybody who would be able to do it.

**Discussion regarding New Fall/Winter Programming:**

Zack already covered most of this topic in the Recreation Managers Report.

Joe Larovera spoke about being able to secure gym time for high school students so they could do a small basketball league. It would be best Saturday morning and they still are not sure where they would have the open gym.

**Public Comment:**

Joe commented on how Mary McNelis does a great job at showing the income and outcome of each program. Whether they are breaking even or not, it is still good to see it on paper. Zack spoke again about the Playground Program and about how great the staff was and that they will not be in the red for this year, in that program.

Joe asked Zack about Blanchettes' doing more for what the Rec Center needed. Zack assured him that they send out bids to all the t-shirt/uniform places around and Blanchettes' is usually more expensive. But they do use them for certain programs in the Rec Center.

**Adjourning of Meeting:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janice Keough at 6:59PM and seconded by Glenn Green.

Approved-4:0:0

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Becca Cretella                      8/27/17