

RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2012

Attending: K. Conway; C. Deming; J. Gowac; C. Grillo; B. Parker; V. Parkus; T. Quinn
Absent: M. Michalski; M. Roberts; E. Smith
Also Present: S. Wheeler

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2012 were reviewed.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBUARY 16, 2012 MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. DEMING. MR. GOWAC ABSTAINED AND THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF AYES.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Quinn stated that the Finance Director advised her that the budget numbers were being reworked and asked if any fees could be increased to cover the increased expenses. Mr. Quinn stated that she and Mr. Parker had discussed the request and agreed to increase some of the Parks and Rec fees.

Committee Reports

A. Music on the River

Ms. Quinn reported that the Music on the River committee has finalized the selection of groups that will be performing this summer. She noted that a flier with the performance schedule will be mailed out at the beginning of May.

B. Basketball

Mr. Parker reported that he and Mr. Smith had met with the basketball coaches to review what went well and what needs improvement in the program. He stated that the results of a recent survey on the basketball program were also discussed and there was a good exchange of ideas. He noted that it was decided that there will be a 10 second time limit for players with the ball to cross the volleyball line. He also stated that it was agreed that team selections will be made by a rating process and the Recreation Commissioners may be asked to assist with rating the players.

Mr. Parker stated that they also discussed the referees and agreed to establish a process whereby the high school referees work with an adult referee who can provide constructive feedback at least one time early in the season.

Ms. Quinn advised that she may start the basketball season at the beginning of January to allow the players additional practice time. She stated that they may also hold scrimmages for the teams on Saturdays in January.

Director's Report

Ms. Quinn reported on the following:

- ▶ She will attend a regional Travel Basketball meeting to consider the Mashantucket Pequots recommendation that a new league be formed.
- ▶ Soccer and basketball registration fees will be increased slightly.
- ▶ Materials have been delivered to the site of the new skateboard park and work on the park will begin next week. She may schedule some skateboard clinics this summer.
- ▶ Work to recondition the fields at the old Middle School has started.
- ▶ She is using a new format for the Recreation Commission's newsletter.
- ▶ She participated in a class on how to use social media for organizations, and a webinar on Marketing & Customer Service presented by the Disney group.
- ▶ Day-camp fees will be increased from \$75 to \$85; however, camp will start at 8:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. and she is adding 3 new field trips to the program.
- ▶ A new pre-school day-camp for 4 and 5 year olds will be offered this year ("Sprouts"). It will be held 4-days a week for 4 weeks in July.

Ms. Quinn also reported that she received a letter from the elementary school Chain Reaction Club, thanking her for all the Parks and Recreation events that are offered.

Old Business

There was no Old Business discussed.

New Business

Ms. Quinn stated that she has a meeting scheduled with a representative of Swim American which offers an alternative to the Red Cross for providing training/certification for swimming instructors.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to discuss, MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GOWAC AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary