

RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2010

Attending: C. Deming; C. Grillo; B. Parker; V. Parkus; T. Quinn

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

Approval of Minutes

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting. MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2010 MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Quinn reported that the Commission's 2009-2010 budget had a balance of \$15,658.00. She noted that \$3950.00 was set-aside for the Nichol's Field improvements. MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. DEMING AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Guest and Audience

There were no guests or audience in attendance at the meeting.

Correspondence

Ms. Quinn reported that there was no correspondence to discuss.

Committee Reports

A. Music on the River

Ms. Quinn reported that the brochure with the concert schedule had been mailed to Town residents and she advised that donations totaling \$1700.00 had been received in the week following the mailing.

B. Basketball

Mr. Parkus stated that Marty Ryczak has agreed to conduct a coaches' clinic next season. Ms. Quinn stated that Mr. Smith had also provided her with an outline for players' and coaches' clinics.

C. Soccer

Ms. Quinn advised that it is too late in the year to transition the Town's soccer program over to the Soccer Club. Mr. Grillo volunteered to work with Ms. Quinn to write up a program of drills for the soccer coaches to use. He agreed to draft drill programs for the 1st grade, 2nd & 3rd grade, and 4th & 5th grade levels.

Director's Report

Ms. Quinn reported on the following items:

- The Town's budget referendum is scheduled for May 25th.

- She had contacted the director of the Haddam/Killingworth Recreation program to discuss a mailing of that town's Rec program booklet to a number of East Haddam households.
- Registrations for summer programs are down.
- She made the following changes to the day-camp program:
 - Instead of 6-week terms, staff was hired for 3-weeks allowing her to add more counselors to the program;
 - No head-counselors were hired for this season.
 - Counselors will work with a CIT and 6-7 campers.
 - The Counselor/CIT teams will supervise their assigned campers for the duration of each day.

In response to a question from Ms. Deming, Ms. Quinn stated that counselors are encouraged to help plan activities and programs for the campers.

Old Business

A. Nichols Field Playground

Mr. Parker noted that there was an article in the Middletown Press and about the new playground planned for Nichols Field. Ms. Quinn advised that she had also submitted an article to the HTNP. She stated that plans for the playground are moving forward and that workers will dismantle the old playground next week. She advised that she will go over the plans for installing the new equipment with them at that time. She noted that the manufacturer will inspect and certify the equipment prior to opening the playground up to the public. There was a general discussion regarding the installation of the rubber mats at the site and Ms. Quinn stated she would have a better idea of when to schedule that part of the project after she meets with the installation team.

B. Programming Changes – Soccer/Basketball

These items were discussed earlier in the meeting under Agenda item 6 -Committee Reports, items B and C, and are reported on above in these minutes.

New Business

No new business was discussed at the meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary