

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission January 11, 2011

Present: Mike Cormier, Levi Newsome, Charlie Williams, Zackery Rapp, Nick Kaplanis
Not in attendance: Jackie Dinardo, Gary Falkenthal, Frank Callace, Dan Scavone

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes from last meeting read, motion by Mike Cormier to accept, seconded by Zackery Rapp

Updates

- First pass of the 2011/2012 department budget has been submitted. It was reduced by \$16,000.00/ (4%) from last year's operating budget.
- The Recreation Department plans to continue Summer Movie Nights again this year. We have a committee in place and will begin soliciting donations, selecting movie titles and setting dates by end of January.
- Candlewood concession lease will be put out to bid with the expectation of having a new Lessee ready for the 2011 summer season. The lessee for 2010 defaulted on the one year extension and as a result the City owns the equipment currently in the building.
- Plans are underway for this season's Summer programs. There is concern as to where one of our sites will be relocated since Stadley Rough School will not be available due to scheduled roof repair.
- Dan Scavone has taken over the AD position at Danbury High School. He has agreed to become part of the commission as an Ex-Officio member.
- We discussed the situation regarding how to get someone in the City to mount some outdoor basketball hoops to identified sites. We have the hardware; we just need for them to be installed. Nick Kaplanis will make another attempt to get this done.
- We continue to execute our plan for Canadian Geese control. Nick is working with the airport administrator to get some outside resources. Vegetation buffer at Kenosia Park is complete.
- Coalition for Healthy Kids continues to meet and has held several events to promote healthy living. Grant applications have been submitted. The Students Can Run and Move (SCRAM) program has been introduced in the after school program at Ellsworth School.
- A letter was written to Friends of Old Quarry Nature Center informing them that all activities occurring on site must be approved by the Conservation Commission.
- Recreation Dept has received donations form Danbury Health Systems (AED) and the Portuguese Center (bleachers). The AED will be used at Candlewood and Hatter's Park; the bleachers will be located at Rogers Park.
- Renovations and repairs are scheduled to take place at Hatter's Pavilion and the bowling alley. Work will begin in the spring.

Old Business

A follow up discussion regarding Danbury Pop Warner and the possibility of merging two groups into one program never occurred. HCYS has opted out of Pop Warner and has joined the AYF League. No further action at this time.

Question regarding whether PAL building is being fully utilized. Although there are more activities than in the past it is difficult to gauge if it is at maximum utilization.

New Business

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Submitted by Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation