

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, November 11, 2008 in the City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

By roll call, members present: John Walsh, Nick Serednitsky, William Clynch and Beverly Moran. Andrew Cota, David Mikos and James Benanto were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell and Athletic Director Joseph Orazetti were present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Without objection, the agenda was accepted, as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Beverly Moran and second by William Clynch. Move to accept the minutes of October 14, 2008, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one was present.

CORRESPONDENCES: Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell noted that Basketball will be starting in late December. Registration has been slow. The 5th -8th grade basketball travel program on the weekends at the Derby Veteran's Community Center has registered 26 teams.

Pop Warner has one team moving onto the semi-finals. The cheerleaders have three teams vying for the chance to go to the finals in Florida.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Orazetti stated that the Senior Night Soccer game went well and he thanked the Public Works Department for moving the goals from Witek to Ryan for the event.

Mr. Orazetti indicated that he relayed the information discussed last month to the Middle School Building Committee.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Walsh indicated that the State DOT painted over the graffiti on the Rte 8 entrance ramp and has erected a fence which has allowed for an additional entrance area to the Greenway. He indicated that Phase III is in the design phase and is moving forward.

Chairman Walsh was contacted by Richard Dunne, Director of the Valley Council of Governments (VCOG) and was advised that there may be funding available to construct a new recreation field through a program Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro is presenting. He has asked if there were possible locations for said field. Members suggested O'Sullivan's Island (if environmental issues are resolved), the DOT site behind BJ's, Fountain Lake or the new school site.

The Commodore Hull Road Race has already registered 475 participants and arrangements are progressing well for this annual Thanksgiving Day event.

Mr. Clynch noted that Derby rarely receives funds from the Mathies Foundation. He questioned whether this source of funding was being approached. Chairman Walsh indicated that the Foundation accepts requests from private organizations, not municipalities. Mr. O'Connell noted that he communicates with the grant writer regularly and he will explore the matter further.

Motion was made by Beverly Moran and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,
Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.