

# *Park and Recreation Commission*

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## **Minutes**

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, November 8, 2010 in the City Hall.

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

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

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

### **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Without objection, the agenda was accepted as presented.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made Beverly Moran and second by Red Clynych. Move to accept the minutes of October 12, 2010, 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 stated that they have registered approximately 130 boys and girls for the Youth Basketball program. He hopes to see the numbers increase before the start of the season. They are grouping the children by grade level as this is consistent with the Ansonia program which they will be networking with for game play.

Pop Warner football has finished their regular season. Four cheerleading teams are advancing to the regionals.

Everything is going well at the Derby Veteran's Community Center. He estimates that there are approximately 150 members with many of them enjoying the use of the health club. He will be putting together specifications for the new equipment at the center soon noting that the Capital Plan has allocated funding.

Mr. O'Connell met with Mayor Staffieri and Public Works foreman Mike Piscioneri at Ryan Field to discuss putting together specifications for the visitor's bleachers. Funding may become available soon. He noted that they tried bringing down the new Little League bleachers to serve as visitor's bleachers for a recent game. As they are not elevated, they were not widely used. Next year many of the football rivalries will be home games and it is hopeful that visitor bleachers can be purchased.

Soccer has finished its season. Senior game was played at Ryan as well as a number of make up games. Mr. O'Connell noted that the football field did experience more use than originally scheduled due to

practices on the field by both the football and soccer programs. He had concerns for the wear on the facility.

**High School Athletic Director's Report:** Mr. Orazetti was absent.

**NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Walsh stated that the Commodore Hull Road Race is sold out with 650 participants registering.

Phase III of the Greenway is not moving forward at this time due to cost restraints. Plans are being discussed to expand the trail system on O'Sullivan's Island. Chairman Walsh noted that Ansonia's Greenway is being constructed and when completed will allow more space for the walkers. The Derby Greenway has been a great success and adding areas to walk will certainly be received favorably.

Ms. Moran questioned the maintenance costs for Witek Park as mentioned last month. Mr. O'Connell indicated that he contacted Alderman Ken Hughes and it appears that the maintenance has been adjusted to meet the financial constraints of the line item. She also questioned whether there have been any further discussions by the Boy Scouts or the High School about marking the trails at Witek Park. Mr. O'Connell indicated that he was not aware of any plans at this time.

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by Red Clynych. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

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