

# *Park and Recreation Commission*

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## **Minutes**

(meeting taped)

Special meeting: Monday, February 7, 2011 in the City Hall. This meeting was called in place of the regular monthly meeting scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Beverly Moran, Nick Serednitsky, Red Clynch and Ronald Sill. David Mikos and James Benanto were excused.

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

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

Motion made by Red Clynch and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to accept the agenda, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Ron Sill and second by Red Clynch. Move to accept the minutes of January 10, 2011, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

No one from the public was present.

### **CORRESPONDENCES:**

No correspondence was presented.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Director's Report:** Mr. O'Connell reported that the basketball season has been hectic due to weather postponements. Many games have been rescheduled and play will likely go into March. When the schools are closed due to the weather, games scheduled in them are cancelled. The program is going well with good participation.

Even with the bad weather the Derby Veteran's Community Center has only had to close one day due to bad weather. Sometimes there were late openings. The City has been very good in snow clean-up. Derby Veteran's Community Center staff monitors the entrances and make certain that they are safe from ice and snow. With the concerns for roof collapses, the Mayor arranged for the city buildings to be inspected including the Derby Veteran's Community Center. That roof was found to be okay. Today, at the field house a crack was discovered in the shower room. Mr. O'Connell will pursue the City Engineer to have the building inspected. Public Works was asked to clean the roof. At this time of year the field house is not in use.

Babe Ruth, for boys age 13 to 15, will be registering from February 21<sup>st</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Little League registration is underway. Both boys and girls are being registered; the girls will be playing with Shelton as Derby has not had its own league for a number of years.

Mr. O'Connell has spoken with Shelton and the skate park will open on schedule as of right now. There has been no notification from the State regarding the bridge project. Derby and Shelton equally share the cost for providing supervision at the park. The expense is included in the attendant's line item account.

Mr. O'Connell has not yet started on the budget preparation; he will be working on it this month. He noted that the major capital issues to be looked at would be the light fixture replacement at Ryan Field Complex, tree inspection, trimming and possible removal at the Complex and now possibly the field house.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to enter into executive session at 7:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employee salaries with Mr. O'Connell invited to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Sill and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by Red Clynch. Move to request that the Board of Alderman consider and take action on increasing the Recreation Director's yearly salary by \$5,000 effective July 1, 2011, citing the increase duties being performed in oversight of recreational programs as well as oversight of the Derby Veteran's Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:**

The budget will be prepared by next month. Mr. O'Connell will also further examine the Little League registration fees.

Motion was made by Ron Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move that the meeting adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

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