Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, June 11, 2012 in the City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O’Connell was excused. Athletic Director Joseph Orazetti was absent.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:
Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by Red Clynch. Move to accept the agenda, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made Red Clynch and second by Beverly Moran. Move to accept the minutes of May 14, 2012, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:
No one from the public was present.

CORRESPONDENCES:
Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:
Parks & Recreation Director’s Report: Mr. O’Connell was excused this evening. Chairman Cota reported on the summer programs set to run from July 2nd through August 10th. It will be the same as last year. There is the free gym and lunch program at the Derby Veteran’s Community Center and the playground summer camp program at the Amendola Complex behind Bradley School. Both programs will offer the free lunch program sponsored by the State of Connecticut. Also, Mr. O’Connell continued to explore funding for the football field lighting and the repairs to the press box.

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

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:
Mr. Sill asked if there was any update on the budget process. Chairman Cota indicated that raises are likely not in the budget as they were not approved by the Board of Alderman prior to the setting of the budget. He explained the confusing process of whether the Board of Apportionment and Taxation or the Board of Alderman needs to approached first in determining whether raised are approved. He explained that the Board of Alderman is the governing body that sets the raises but there is always the question of whether there is adequate funding to cover the raises. He and Mr. O’Connell will work with both boards to resolve this confusion.

Ms. Moran questioned whether there was any further information on the use of the Middle School gymnasium. It was understood that the principal is not allowing usage of the facility. Further, the
facility has not been formally accepted by the City. It was encouraged to approach the Board of Education to explore this matter further.

Motion made by Red Clynch and second by Beverly Moran. Move that the July meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission be cancelled unless there is an emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Beverly Moran and second by Ronald Sill. 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.