

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, February 10, 2014 in the City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

By roll call, members present: , Beverly Moran, Ronald Sill, John Monahan, James Benanto and Frank Rubino. Nick Serednitsky and Andrew Cota were excused.

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

Without objection Ronald Sill chaired the meeting in the absence of Andrew Cota.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the agenda, with the deletion of the election of a chair. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made Frank Rubino and second by Beverly Moran. Move to accept the minutes of January 13, 2014, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Lorie McCormack, from the Little League, reserved the right to speak on agenda items during the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell reported that basketball season is going very well and the travel program is finishing up.

Mr. O'Connell has been speaking with Shelton to coordinate the Babe Ruth baseball program to allow participants to play with Shelton's program. He noted that there was some interest in the program last year although previous years he could not pull together a team. As players come from the High School baseball program, the Babe Ruth season can not begin until the High School season is over. With a late start, it often overlaps into the fall programs so players often leave to participate in High School football. He hopes that the merge with Shelton may serve the program very well.

Little League registration is down. They continue to hold registrations. The fee is \$85 per player and participants are age 5 to 12.

Youth Soccer will be registering soon.

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

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Recognitions of Kenneth Marcucio and William “Red” Clynch: The suggestion has been made to name the Little League Complex after Kenneth Marcucio and the Girl’s softball field after Red Clynch.

Mr. O’Connell explained that the minor league field at the Little League has no name and the major league field is named after Mr. William Uluski (dedicated in 1984). There have been informal discussions on building a new field, and if so that field could be considered for naming. It was noted that the current fields are used by Pop Warner and the High School programs as well as Little League. Members weighed the options of naming a field, the entire complex, waiting until a later time to take action or placing a plaque or monument recognizing Mr. Marcucio’s long time dedication to the Little League program. While Mr. Monahan recognized the contributions, he wondered if the action was premature and would be awkward for Mr. Marcucio.

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by James Benanto. Move that the Little League Complex on Nutmeg Ave be named after Kenneth Marcucio. Motion carried with Mr. Monahan opposed.

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move to recommend to the full Board of Alderman that the Little League Complex be named for Kenneth Marcucio. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Moran noted the decades of service to Derby’s youth by William “Red” Clynch. He was a strong supporter of all the programs and especially girl’s softball. This recognition is long overdue.

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by Frank Rubino. Move to recommend to the full Board of Alderman that the girl’s softball field at the Ryan Field Complex be named after William “Red” Clynch. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Commission Budget:

Members reviewed the budget. Mr. O’Connell noted that he has spoken to Patty Finn in regards to replacing the electrical control box at Amendola Field at a cost of \$25,000 in hopes of attaining grant funding. He will also seek funding under the Capital Planning proposal.

Mr. O’Connell stated that over the past four years the staff has only seen a 2% overall increase in their wages. There were discussions last year for increases to be retroactive but that did not materialize. With that said he felt that the request for a 3% increase was reasonable. He did adjust the hourly projections to offset the increase while still providing all needed coverage. He noted that a staff member was added to the playground wages as last year it was determined that one additional person was necessary. There are five supervisors whose hours are staggered to be effective during the busiest times at the facility. The supervisors are coordinating schedules, managing the building and equipment maintenance as well as monitoring the functions in the building. The maintenance personnel take care of the Derby Veteran’s Community Center as well as the field house during football season. Mr. O’Connell made every effort to maintain the other line items to current budgetary figures. It was noted that with the new football lights, the light pole expense was no longer needed.

Mr. Benanto suggested that the costs that are associated for maintaining Ryan Field should be separated so as to determine the actual expense of maintaining the grass field. He feels that if looked at more in depth, it could reveal that artificial turf could actually prove to be a savings for the City. He took into account the costs of having Public Works grooming the field throughout the season, the irrigation of the field, the line painting and the clay and fertilizer that is currently expended.

It was noted that the Witek Park line item is the cost estimate for the contracted amount for the private maintenance of the field as per the stipulations of the Derby Inland Wetlands Agency approval. Mr. O'Connell had not prepared a formal request for capital planning for the budget but initial requests would be the box as noted, replacement of the Bradley School/Amendola softball field lights and the fire alarm at the Derby Veteran's Community Center. Mr. O'Connell noted that he recently had issues with the fire alarm and it is likely that it will have to be replaced. No cost projections were available at this time.

		2014-2015 Budget	2013-2014 ACTUAL
Dept 5100 - Parks & Recreation			
110-0110-0000	Parks Director Wages	22,076	21,433
110-0111-0000	Supervisors	66,718	66,924
110-0112-0000	Attendants	17,220	18,665
110-0114-0000	Lifeguards	10,830	10,674
110-0115-0000	Bldg Maintenance wages	16,181	15,957
			133,653
140-0141-0000	Playground Wages	9,327	7,515
		142,352	
230-0231-0000	Yankeegas	5,500	5,500
230-0232-0000	Water Co.	5,800	5,800
230-0233-0000	Light Pole Ryan Field	0	1,500
		11,300	20,315
270-0278-0000	Witek Park Maintenance	16,000	16,000
		16,000	16,000
330-0330-0000	Equip. Maintenance	26,000	26,000
330-0331-0000	Bldg & Field Supplies	25,000	25,000
330-0332-0000	Office Supplies	4,000	3,700
330-0333-0000	Recreation Equip.	4,500	5,250
330-0348-0000	Technology (computer)	750	0
		60,250	59,950
390-0001-0000	Derby Colt Baseball	1	1
390-0007-0000	Girls Softball	1	500
390-0009-0000	Soccer	4,000	4,000
390-0010-0000	Little League	7,500	7,500
390-0011-0000	Pop Warner	9,000	9,000
390-0012-0000	Wrestling	1,000	1,000
390-0013-0000	Playground Supplies	2,500	2,500
390-0016-0000	Basketball/Softball 14-18	1,200	1,200
		25,202	25,701
480-0484-0000	Youth Basketball	7,500	7,500
480-0488-0000	Skate Park		
		7,500	7,500
Dept. Total		264,104	263,119

Ryan Field Capital	10,000	10,000
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Grand Total	274,104	273,119

Motion made by James Benanto and second by John Monahan. Move to adopt the Parks and Recreation Budget for fiscal year 2014- 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Beverly Moran and second by James Benanto. Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

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