

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, June 9, 2014 in City Hall (small room adjacent to Alderman's chambers).

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

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

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Ron Sill and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made Frank Rubino and second by Beverly Moran. Move to accept the minutes of April 14, 2014, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one came forward.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell reported that Mr. Serednitsky is moving and will be resigning from the Commission. Also, Joseph Orazetti will be retiring as Athletic Director at the High School. There is no indication of who will be his successor. Members concurred that both have served the City well in advancing the recreational and athletic opportunities of the City.

Mr. O'Connell is preparing for the summer playground program. With roofing replacement at Bradley School, the program has been moved to Coon Hollow picnic grove. Free lunch will be served. The program at the Derby Veteran's Community Center is also being scheduled. Free lunch will be offered as well as open gym and pool sessions.

With the end of the fiscal year approaching, Mr. O'Connell will be making transfers within his department. He does not foresee any overruns in the overall budget.

Mr. O'Connell has been approached by Rob Hyder regarding improvements to the Little League facility. They would like to explore the installation of a water line to the minor league field to feed an irrigation system and to sod the infield once the sprinkler system is in place. Also, they would like to build a press box behind the minor field, possibly using the technical schools for the construction. Members felt that the Little League directors should come to the Commission and present their requests.

Mr. O'Connell is still working on finalizing the Red Clyncch dedication. He has been communicating with the family.

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

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing was presented.

Motion by Ron Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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.