

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014 in City Hall.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Newly appointed Athletic Director Martin Pascale was present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made Frank Rubino and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the minutes of August 11, 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 the fall sports season is underway. Pop Warner has already had two home games. Everything is going well. The football field is in good condition for the start of the season.

The High School girls and boys soccer programs are playing at Witek Park. There are also two men's teams that play on Sunday mornings and Youth Soccer uses the facility on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Men's softball is wrapping up. They are exploring whether there is interest in a fall program. Nothing has been finalized.

The emergency lighting project at the football field is not completed. Mr. O'Connell was advised that the contractor has been working on the project. Members were insistent that the work be finished prior to the first High School home varsity football game.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Pascale was welcomed. He has been appointed as Athletic Director and is in his second year as Derby High School assistant principal. Mr. Orazetti will be remaining as a consultant.

Fall athletic programs are underway. As noted, soccer is at Witek Park and football is moving forward with the first home game with Cross. The Ansonia and Shelton games are away this year. Cross Country

is planning an event at Witek Park on October 7th. They will be utilizing the fields and have requested that maintenance be done on some of the trails within the park.

Mr. Pascale noted that the minutes spoke to an interest in artificial turf. He stated that he supported the idea. He understands that the cost is a financial concern and was hopeful that grant funding could be found to move the project forward. He noted that the newly enhanced weight room was done through grants and is a great asset to the school.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing was discussed.

Motion by Ron Sill and second by John Monahan. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

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