

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

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

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

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

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

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 John Monahan and second by James Benanto. Move to accept the minutes of November 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 basketball is well underway. The Girl's teams are playing in a travel program with Ansonia and play teams in the Greater New Haven area. The Boys Jr. League are playing at Irving, Bradley, the Middle School and the Derby Veteran's Community Center against teams from the Ansonia League. As always Mr. O'Connell would welcome anyone wanting to volunteer as coaches and assistants.

Mr. O'Connell reported damage done to the soccer fields at Witek Park last month had been repaired by the contractor and then additional damage was done. This time the police were able to make an apprehension. Members were hopeful that a message could be expressed that causing damage does come with consequences. They felt that a public accounting of the arrest may be a deterrent to future actions. A suggestion was made for an announcement in the schools advising of the arrest and the financial repercussions for legal costs and restitution of the damage as it may dissuade someone from doing this in the future.

Mr. O'Connell noted that the soccer fields did have a full schedule of use. Last year the Youth Soccer League utilized the facility both in spring and fall. There are two men's leagues that use it on Sunday mornings. The Varsity and JV soccer teams play their games there. Mr. O'Connell noted that the school teams did use the fields for practice this past year but that use will be discouraged due to the excessive wear that resulted.

Summarizing the facilities report, Mr. O'Connell noted that the Ryan football field held up very well this year. Also, OSHA requirements are being reviewed at the Derby Veteran's Community Center.

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

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Parks and Recreation Commission Calendar:

Motion made by James Benanto and second by Ronald Sill. Move to adopt the Park and Recreation Commission meeting schedule for the 2015 calendar year to be the second Monday of each month with the exception of October (Columbus Day):

January 12, 2015	August 10, 2015
February 9, 2015	September 14, 2015
March 9, 2015	October 13, 2015 (Tuesday)
April 13, 2015	November 9, 2015
May 11, 2015	December 14, 2015
June 8, 2015	
July 13, 2015	January 11, 2016

The meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ron Sill and second by James Benanto. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 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.