



City of Ansonia

Recreation Commission

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May 4, 2010

Regular Meeting

Jeffrey M. Coppola
Recreation Director

Present: Paul Mengold
Sean Rowley

Absent: Steve Kichar
Tom Lynch
Jamie Puro
Al Smith
Lynda Williams

Others Present: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director
Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Sean Rowley.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was no quorum present.

Mr. Rowley stated that there was no quorum present this evening. He said he would hear those present this evening however there would not be any votes taken because there is no quorum present.

Baseball

Steve Tamburino

Mr. Tamburino said that Marty Mikos submitted his report.

Kathy Paskiewicz gave her report. She said there is an outstanding bill for City Stitches. She also stated she spoke with Mike Schryver regarding the condition of Nelligan's fields. The pitchers rubbers are not aligned and there is a metal plate protruding from the ground on the

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field. The older girls slide into base and she is worried about injuries. Second base rubber is tilted to the left.

A discussion followed on the condition of the fields in the city. Ms. Paskiewicz was advised to go to the Board of Public Works Meeting to discuss the conditions of the field because the Recreation Commission does not maintain the fields.

Ms. Paskiewicz asked who was responsible for repairing things at the concession stand at Nelligan's field i.e. the toilets need repairs, etc.

Mr. Rowley said the Parent's Group is responsible however if they can't get anyone he will ask PWD to look at it.

Soccer

Chris Sheehy was present.

Mr. Sheehy said that Mr. Velardi presented the soccer report. Every one has a copy. He has no questions.

Basketball

Mr. Coppola said there is an issue with the Bill for the Boys & Girls Club however it is not the Recreation Commission.

Football

Mr. Fred Williams was present.

Mr. Williams presented his report which was in the monthly packet.

Mr. Williams presented an updated list of the football players who failed to return their uniforms. The total cost for these uniforms is \$3200. He asked if Corp. Counsel Blake can send a letter. He also asked that these kids not be allowed to play AHS or any other sport until the uniform is returned. He said they have full outfits.

Mr. Mengold asked if the kids can leave their uniform at the last game.

Mr. Williams said that was supposed to happen however they go home with their parents and we don't get the uniforms back.

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Discussion on turning this matter over to K. Blake for collection. Mr. Coppola also would like it put in writing that these children can't play sports – AHS or Recreation until the uniforms are returned and received.

Mr. Williams said the uniforms and all equipment was sent out to be refurbished. He said everything that was borrowed by the Winter League was returned.

Mr. Williams said he has 4 people who want to be involved as Board members. He would like to put them on the Board.

Mr. Williams said that Mr. Coppola got the key to the Concession Stand from him. They cut the lock off.

A discussion followed on the locks that are on the Concession Stand.

Mr. Williams said there are 36 football players and 36 cheerleaders. There will be another registration on 5/16/10. He said the Executive Board meeting will be held at the Armory. He asked how they stand with the uniforms. This is opposite from what was stated last month.

Mr. Williams said that Mr. Miller encumbered \$13,000 and out of that money there is \$3000 for Tim O'Reilly and \$10,000 for cheer uniforms.

Mr. Coppola said that the \$13,000 is an estimate from the registration money. The budget is \$27000 from the City and \$13,000 from the registration fees. This equals \$40,000. The \$13,000 will not be there because the money never came into the City line item.

Mr. Coppola said that there is \$3000 left in the budget and that is for Tim O'Reilly who has returned checks.

Mr. Williams said he has no idea what's left in Tim O'Reilly's account.

Mr. Coppola said they should have \$4000 left over to turn over.

A discussion followed on the line item and the funds available for the football program.

Mr. Williams said the Stadium Systems invoice that is past due is: \$105.43 and \$75.00 equals \$180.

Mr. Coppola said that he never received these bills. They are last year bills. He said he will give them to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Rowley discussed the busing situation. He said the Commission will work something out because the buses are out of the budget.

Mr. Williams asked why they are out of the budget.

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Mr. Rowley said Recreation Commission felt it was important to bus the kids to the out of town games. There are 4 away games that they should be bused.

Mr. Coppola said there are only a few children riding the buses home from the games and the bus cost is high.

Mr. Williams said that something is in the works to reinvest back into the program but he will wait until next month to discuss it.

There was discussion on the locks and who cut them off, who has keys, etc.

Reports: Donna Lindgren

Donna Lindgren was present.

Ms. Lindgren thanked Paul Velardi and Jeff Coppola for changing the schedule so that she can hold her Orienteering program.

Ms. Lindgren is asking the Recreation Commission for their support for the Red Wing Pond House Project. She is asking for a letter to the Board of Alderman and she would like the commission members polled for a yes vote. She stressed if the City doesn't respond by May 15th they can lose the State money.

A discussion followed on the above.

Mr. Rowley stated that this is a workshop meeting there is no quorum present.

Ms. Lindgren said there was a problem with Mr. Softee at the Nature Center. He parked his truck in the handicap parking area and when asked to move he gave Ranger Wigglesworth a "hard time".

Mr. Rowley said next time don't even confront him if he is parked in the wrong place, just call the Police.

Mr. Mengold asked where he got his permit.

A discussion followed on the permit process and that he was approved by the Board of Aldermen as a vendor. He then gets his permit from the Police Dept. There have been problems in the past with this vendor.

Mr. Mengold said that Ms. Lindgren should send a letter to the Board of Aldermen asking them to take a look at his permit.

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Ms. Lindgren said that the Public Works Dept. is doing good stuff at the Nature Center. She said she wants to thank them publically. She said that concludes her report. She asked why there was no quorum.

Mr. Rowley discussed the change of time to 6:00 p.m. from 7:00 p.m. He said maybe that is not a good time and the Commission should go back to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Coppola said he has some things that have to be passed. He said he will sit down with Mr. Blume and Mr. Miller and see what can be done. These things have to do with the budget.

Bills

Mr. Coppola said he doesn't want to hold up payment on these bills:

1. Little League: \$1770.19
2. LL Registration: \$490
3. City Stitchers for Softball
4. Umpire Fees
5. Stadium Systems: \$105.43 and \$75.00

Mr. Rowley said there is no quorum present to vote on these.

Mr. Coppola said that is why it is important to have this meeting on the format for the Recreation Commission programs. It is a necessity to change the format. It has to be done soon because BOAT has to finalize the budget.

Correspondence

The following is a list of correspondence received for this meeting:

1. Donna Lindgren: Monthly report
2. Donna Lindgren: Letter to Board of Aldermen re: Redwing Pond House nursery school program. Dated 5/4/10
3. DEP Flyer: Learn to Fish
4. List of AYF Football equipment not returned as of 4/30/10
5. E-Mail to Fred Williams from Marissa Simon re: member of Executive Board dtd. 4/25/10
6. E-Mail to Fred Williams from Marie Mellone re: member of Executive Board dtd. 4/26/10
7. Kathy Paskiewicz re: Field conditions and Concession Stand repairs
8. Outline of Changes for the Recreation Commission

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9. E-Mail from Ansonia Soccer to Christopher Sheehy re: Program Report dated 5/4/10
Soccer Schedules
10. Recreation Commission to Board of Aldermen: re: Waive Bid for Stadium Systems dtd.
4/7/10
11. Recreation Commission to Luba Soldra re: CIAC Tournament dtd. 4/7/10
12. Little League Parents Assoc. Monthly Report – May 2010
13. Ansonia Girls Softball Report for Year Ending 2010.
14. Chris Sheehy re: request to be appointed President of Recreation Soccer program to
succeed Paul Velardi. Dtd. 4/28/10
15. Fred Williams: Football Reports:
 1. Letter to chairman dtd. 4/23/10
 2. AYF football & cheer Executive Board Agenda dtd. 4/8/10
 3. AYF & C monthly report – May 2010
 4. E-Mail from Starlene Ramadei request to serve on Executive Board
dtd. 4/23/10
 5. E-Mail from Tara Healey request to serve on Executive Board dtd.
4/1/10
 6. AYF Football Equipment List of equipment not returned dtd.
12/07/09
 7. AYF & C request to use the field for the 2010 football and cheer
seasons.
 8. AYF & C 2010 program handbook dtd. 4/2/10

Invoices Received:

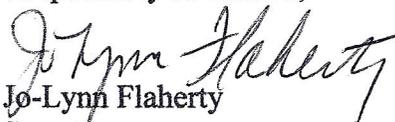
1. City Stitchers Invoice 8729 (not totaled)
2. Little League Statement #2070301: \$1770.19
3. Valley Chapter American Red Cross Iv. 040310-2: \$490

There was no quorum for this workshop.

Adjourn

The workshop adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

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