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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

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July 6, 2010

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Tom Lynch
Paul Mengold
Sean Rowley

Absent: Steve Kichar
Jamie Puro
Lynda Williams

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director
Robert Beall, Alderman – arrived 6:50 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was a quorum present.

Public Session

Mr. Fred Williams and Mr. Jon Chryzanowski were present.

Mr. Williams discussed AYF football program. He said they held a car wash at Nolan Field. The uniforms had to go to be cleaned. The Fieldhouse still has a leak and they were all mold. The showers leak and the water and dirt flows into the AYF space creating dampness and mold on the equipment and uniforms.

Mr. Rowley said that the shower leak was repaired last year.

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Mr. Coppola said it is still leaking.

Mr. Williams said he spoke with Mike Schryver and he told him he was showing the photos to the Commission that he took of the area. He said he wants to let the commission know that the AYF program is using 2 rooms in the Armory to store their equipment and uniforms. He thanked Mr. Coppola and Mr. Kichar for all their help. He said he will keep some stuff at Nolan Field.

Mr. Lynch said Mr. Williams should go to the Board of Aldermen or the Public Works Board to let them know of this situation.

Chairman Smith said this leak has been continual since he was up there in the Spring.

Director's Reports

Baseball

There is no one present.

Softball

There is no one present.

Soccer

There is no one present.

Mr. Sheehy sent in his report for the Commission's review.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to accept the report and place it on file. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Basketball

None

Football

Mr. Fred Williams and Mr. Jon Chryzanowski were present.

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Mr. Williams said AYF held a Car Wash and Can Drive and the profit was \$1600. It was a good day and 63 children participated.

Mr. Williams said that Tom Williams will be at the CT Speed School Yale Football Camp. There are 10 children attending from Ansonia AYF. The football coaches are also attending. He is asking the Recreation Commission to allow the 10 children to use the City's football equipment to attend this camp.

Mr. Coppola suggested they send a letter to Yale and ask for some tickets for one of their games so the kids participating can attend a game.

Mr. Williams said Tom Brockett (CT Speed School) said he will work out scholarships for those kids that don't have the money to attend the football camp.

Mr. Williams said they are 4 kids away from another separate 4th grade team. Jim Benjamin will take the 3rd grade team and Bob Duffus will take over the 4th grade team.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to appoint Jim Benjamin as coach for the 3rd grade team. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to allow the AYF players who will attend the Youth Football Camp at Yale sponsored by CT Speed School to use our equipment. They must sign a waiver to insure that they will return the equipment. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.

Donna Lindgren is on vacation and there is no report.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Mr. Jeff Coppola is present.

Mr. Coppola said that Mr. Williams took care of the uniform issue at Nolan Field. He said Mr. Williams will bring all of the uniforms and equipment to the Armory.

Mr. Coppola said that this July the Commission will start the new procedure with the Soccer and Football programs with regard to their funding and how it will be handled by the City and the programs. He said he will sit down with Mr. Miller and BOAT on the disbursement of the City of Ansonia funds. He has questions as to what the City will pay for and how the funds will be spent. He said this must be done for August because football begins. He said he will put together something.

Mr. Coppola said the AYF Football is keeping their registration money. He said the question is should the City of Ansonia give them one donation and they submit an expense report on how the funds were spent or should the City of Ansonia keep the funds and they can come to the Commission and request the money for a specific purpose.

Chairman Smith said years ago the money from BOAT was in a line item and they requested it through the City for what they needed for the program. Then they started to collect registration money that came to the City and it went to the line item. When they needed more they went to BOAT to request it.

Mr. Coppola said they do a budget and put down what the money will be used for. They have to use it for what it was intended for.

Chairman Smith said that is how it was in the past – they should work it that way now.

Mr. Mengold said they don't want AYF to use their registration money and then come to the City to get what they need.

Mr. Coppola said the problem was day to day operation of the league. They needed funds for the day to day things that needed to be purchased and done. The City budget was used for Stadium Systems to recondition the uniforms and to purchase supplies and equipment.

Mr. Mengold said they submit a P.O. for XX amount of money for XX number of uniforms and XX number of helmets and put the process in motion. Order the items now.

Mr. Williams said he is still waiting for the money for the girl's uniforms.

Mr. Coppola said it will be approved.

Mr. Williams said he can give the Commission a list of equipment for this year.

Mr. Mengold said the football season begins August 1.

Mr. Coppola said Stadium Systems is good. The invoice comes in and we process it for payment. This will not be a problem. He said he doesn't want anything to go wrong.

Mr. Mengold said if they keep the registration money then they must keep a very good detail on what it is spent on and submit a written report.

Mr. Mengold asked if there is a certification process for the coaches. The only one who explained this was the football program and everyone else who is coaching Recreation sponsored programs should get certified.

Mr. Williams said there is a certification class on July 14, 2010 for 3 to 4 hours. There is no cost and the CVL sponsors it for all head coaches and asst. coaches. The Cheer coaches need to go through a Certification class at Newton High School on July 14, 2010.

Chairman Smith asked if they do background checks on all of the coaches. He said that was a policy in the past.

Mr. Williams said they have the SportSignup and coaches and asst. coaches using the Kids Safe Program through SportSignup have a background check. Everyone has come forward except a few.

Mr. Coppola said Little League coaches have certification also.

Mr. Williams said their CPR course is Sunday at the Armory and all head coaches are required to have CPR. He said they contacted ARMS for an ambulance at the games. ARMS responded they will have someone at the field however there will be a charge.

Mr. Rowley said next year's scheduling is different than Pop Warner and maybe some home games can be scheduled on a Saturday. That way if there is rain they can play on Sunday as a makeup game.

Mr. Williams said someone has to make the call regarding the field condition. The opposing team may say go to their field or another field - they play in the rain.

Mr. Coppola said you forfeit your game if you don't play. They make you go to another field to play the game. He said he will ask about that at the meeting this evening.

There was a discussion on communication for the games with regard to weather conditions and field conditions and who "calls" a game in bad weather.

Mr. Rowley said he was hoping to use the practice field for games when needed. They try to keep practices off the middle practice field. That is why they wanted to try to work on the softball field for use for football games. He said you can't practice on the field every day. They try to keep off the middle field.

Mr. Coppola said they use it 5 days a week for the summer months and after school begins 3 days a week for AYF practice.

Mr. Rowley said to keep off the 40/40 and the 35/35, etc. so they are not running in the same spot all the time.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to accept Mr. Coppola's report as presented. Mr. Mengold seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Minutes

Mr. Rowley made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting. Mr. Mengold seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Mr. Mengold made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct. Mr. Rowley seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. The Ansonia Gridiron Club re: Manage the concession stand at Nolan Field. Dtd. 6/10/10

Mr. Rowley recommended the Commission allow the Gridiron Club be allowed to manage the concession stand at Nolan Field because the King's no longer want to do it. He said they were the Ansonia Athletic Club and everyone used the stand. Mr. Morse said if someone from baseball or softball wanted to work the concession stand he would work with them. There is no one who wants to run the concession stand but the Gridiron Club. The Concession Stand is on City property. They would have to give a report of the money earned and expensed to the Commission. He said he recommends Recreation gives permission to them to use it.

There was discussion as to who has the authority to give permission for use of the concession stand at Nolan Field. Mr. Rowley said George Hine had exclusive rights to use it and then Luba Soldra ran the concession stand. The Board of Aldermen gave Nick Behun the authority over the Concession Stand and he gave it to Gary King and his wife.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen recommending Ed Morse/Gridiron Club be granted permission to use the Concession Stand with the condition that the other sports are given an opportunity to use it also. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Robert Beall came into the meeting at this time.

There was a discussion on the condition of the storage room at the field house at Nolan Field where the AYF stored their uniforms and equipment. There is a leak into this area and the uniforms are moldy and damp and had to be cleaned.

Mr. Beall said he would bring the pictures that were taken by Fred Williams to the Board of Public Works meeting this evening.

Mr. Rowley gave the pictures to Mr. Beall to take to the Public Works meeting.

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Mr. Beall left and went to the Public Works meeting.

Mr. Coppola said he will be in contact with Mr. Williams during the month because football begins in August.

August Meeting

Mr. Rowley made a motion to cancel the August meeting due to summer schedule. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Rowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Mengold seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary