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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

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September 7, 2010

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Thomas Lynch
Jamie Puro
Lynda Williams

Absent: Steve Kichar
Sean Rowley
Paul Mengold

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

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

All present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

Public Session

Chairman Smith asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission.

There being none, Chairman Smith closed the public session.

Director's Reports

Baseball

There is no one present for Little League Baseball.

There was no Financial Report received.

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Softball

Kathy Paskiewicz was present.

Ms. Paskiewicz stated the spring season for softball ran smoothly and everything went well. She said the Fall season will begin this Saturday and Sunday.

There was no Financial Report received.

Soccer

Chris Sheehy was present.

Mr. Sheehy presented his Soccer report and the Soccer Financial Report.

Mr. Sheehy said the fall season is underway. The travel team begins Thursday at ANC field and the Recreation team begins Sunday at Colony Park field. There was some equipment purchased and the fields have been lined.

Mr. Sheehy asked if the work will be done soon at the ANC lower field that was requested.

Mr. Coppola said he has spoken with Mr. Rowley and he suggested that Mr. Sheehy attend a Board of Public Works meeting and ask them when this work will be done.

Mr. Sheehy said that this is the time to do the work on the field. He said he will attend a PWD meeting. He said there have been 200 registrations and he can't add anyone else to the roster. There was a coaches meeting at the Armory last week that was successful. The CJSA has approved our program. The game schedules are in the packet.

Ms. Lindgren asked about the improvements to the soccer field and if that was an Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Coppola said it is not an Eagle Scout project. The PWD was asked to level off the pitchers mound and the bases, etc.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

There is no one here for basketball.

Football

Fred Williams and Jon Chryzanowski were present.

Mr. Williams said the game schedules are attached to the AYF report that was put in the mailing packet. He said there are several games not scheduled and he is trying to get them to be played as home games here in Ansonia.

Mr. Williams said the Concession Stand made \$3700 Saturday and Sunday. This is not on the report that was just handed in. That report covers through August.

Mr. Williams said he has some invoices from Stadium Systems for reconditioning and equipment. He gave the invoices to Mr. Coppola for payment.

Mr. Williams said he had to purchase three to four dozen helmets and jerseys. This should put a dent in the items needed. They have the stand up dummies and the container is up at the field for the equipment. There will be a meeting of the Executive Board on 9/12/10 at the Armory. The cookie dough fundraiser will begin.

Mr. Williams is also requesting the commission appoint George Derbyshire to the position of Football coordinator.

Mr. Williams said there is a parent who offered to install a concrete pad patio at the concession stand. He said he spoke to Mike Schryver about it and he has submitted a written request to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Schryver who is currently at the Public Works meeting this evening will discuss it with them. He said he is asking the Commission for their approval.

Mr. Williams gave everyone a copy of the AYF program booklet.

Mr. Puro made a motion to appoint George Derbyshire to the position of Football Coordinator for the AYF Football program. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the installation by N.E. Concrete of the 15"x15" concrete patio next to the Concession Stand contingent on the Board of Public Works approval. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.

Donna Lindgren was present.

Ms. Lindgren discussed her report that was submitted to the Commission. She explained the letter sent to the IWC regarding the violation at 17 Hodio Drive and the Nature Center property. The property owner at 17 Hodio Drive filled his property to create a flat yard. He installed a shed which is undermined and may fall onto the Nature Center property and the fill has encroached on the wetlands on the Nature Center property. She is looking for a resolution to the violation.

Also included in her report was a list of jobs needs to be done at the Nature Center. She has forwarded the list to Public Works.

Ms. Lindgren discussed renting the Red Wind Pond House to Justin Pagnataro for \$600. She said the Red Wing House was previously rented for \$600 to Jason Mauro who worked on the Massaro Farm property. The rent was deposited into the General Fund.

Ms. Lindgren discussed the in-kind services to the Board of Education (\$8025) for the classes provided by the Ansonia Nature Center to the Ansonia Schools free of charge.

Ms. Lindgren discussed the Autumnfest to be held on 10/16/10. This is a big event for the Nature Center.

Mr. Puro made a motion to approve all of the requests presented by Ms. Lindgren in her report for events to be held at the Ansonia Nature Center. Ms. Williams seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Jeff Coppola was present.

Mr. Coppola said Mayor Della Volpe saw a New York Educational Program that could possibly be done at Nolan Field next summer. He suggested we get Emmett O'Brien and AHS students involved along with the Public Works Dept.

Chairman Smith asked where this will be.

Mr. Coppola said at Nolan Field in the parking lot near the basketball Courts. He said he will look into it.

Chairman Smith said the tennis courts are used.

Mr. Coppola said the tennis courts are used by both adults and the high school players.

Mr. Coppola said the new format for registration fees is working out well with the football and soccer programs. He said he will meet with Mr. Miller as to how to handle the bills and all the programs have to do is submit a Financial Report.

Mr. Coppola said there have been no financial reports submitted by Little League or Softball. He advised them that they must submit a financial report to the Commission.

Mr. Coppola said he is based at the Senior Center and he will get together with the Senior Center and they will run trips. It will be Senior Center/Recreation trips combined. The Senior Center has an account the Recreation Commission can use and they will do the trips.

Mr. Coppola said PWD has been lining the field for the soccer games. They have the fields ready for the home games.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. Williams and Mr. Chryzanowski are handling the football program well. They take care of everything dealing with the program – any problems, etc. Mr. Coppola said he gets involved when they call him. He said he is volunteering to serve as a coach for one of the AYF teams because they are short a coach and he said he will help with the 8th grade team. He doesn't have a child on the team and he will help them a couple of nights a week.

Chairman Smith said in the past it wasn't frowned upon that the Director coaches a team. He said he has no problem with Mr. Coppola stepping up and helping when they needed a coach.

Mr. Coppola said he spoke with the coach tonight and told him he will stand by and help when needed.

Ms. Williams made a motion to accept Mr. Coppola's report as presented this evening. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written and place on file. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor so carried.

Approval of Bills

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

1. Stadium Systems: \$15,298.90 for reconditioning and equipment
2. Jeff Coppola: \$225 for mileage July and August.

Correspondence

1. Marty Mikos request to use the Little League Field for Fall Baseball.

Ms. Williams made a motion to grant permission to the Little League to use the field for Fall Baseball. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Mrs. Flaherty gave Mr. Coppola a folder she had compiled of recreation programs from other towns. The information was from towns the size of Ansonia with a similar character as Ansonia. The information contained is for ideas for programs Ansonia might sponsor.

Executive Session (if needed)

None

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary