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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

October 5, 2010

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Thomas Lynch
Steve Kichar
Paul Mengold

Absent: Sean Rowley
Jamie Puro
Lynda Williams

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation 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.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to close the public session. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Deviate from the Agenda

Mr. Kichar made a motion to deviate from the Agenda to take up the Football Director's report because he has to leave to attend a meeting in Fairfield. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Director's Reports

Football

Fred Williams and Jon Chryzanowski were present.

Mr. Williams submitted his monthly report along with the Financial Statements that shows where the funds are being used.

Mr. Williams said the Executive Board meeting was moved from 10/17/10 to 10/24/10. The Banquet was moved to Saturday 1/8/11 and Sunday 1/9/11. The banquet will be held at Assumption School Hall and Millie's II will cater. On Saturday grades 6, 7, 8 and the Cheerleaders will have their banquet and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. the 3, 4, 5 graders will have their banquet. He said it should be a great time for all of them.

Mr. Williams said they are required to host a Bowl session – they will find out this evening if they are selected. He said if they are selected it will be a big step and it will be good exposure. The Bowl game is October 31st.

He said since the report came out the Balance \$9731 was reduced by an \$8000 payment to Stadium Systems.

He said on Saturday 10/30/10 they would like to host a small Halloween celebration for the kids with Pizza and a D.J. for them to have fun – it will be chaperoned by the parents. The Football Executive Board will take full responsibility.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to allow the AYF Football Executive Board to use the Armory to host a Halloween Party on Sat. 10/30/10. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to allow the AYF to use Nolan Field on 10/31/10 provided AYF allows the Ansonia League to Host the Bowl game. If it rains Friday or Saturday and AHS has to use the football field they have first preference for the use of the field. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Williams said he needs Mr. Miller's e-mail to send him the report on the funds made from the Concession Stand.

Mr. Miller's e-mail address was given to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Mengold asked if the \$8000 was for reconditioning.

Mr. Williams said it was for the purchase of jerseys and cheerleader uniforms. All of the purchases went through Stadium because we don't have to go out to bid.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept Mr. Williams' report. Mr. Mengold seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Baseball

Marty Mikos was present.

Mr. Mikos said they are in the middle of the Fall Baseball season. He said he has sent his Financial Reports to Mr. Coppola and he doesn't know why the Commission hasn't received them.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. Mikos did send reports and he advised Mr. Mikos that the reports were very incomplete and the Recreation Commission will not accept them as he submitted them.

Mr. Kichar said Mr. Mikos told Softball in the past what was needed with regard to the Financial Reports. He said to tell the Softball program no reports they will not be allowed into the Stand.

Mr. Mengold said there should be a template for all the sports.

Mr. Kichar said they have a template. They have to come to our meeting each month and they have to submit a financial report each month. He said if we have a meeting with BOAT and The Board of Aldermen they will not receive any more funding.

There was a discussion on e-mailing the reports and putting the reports in the monthly packets for the commissioners.

Mr. Mengold said he doesn't want to hurt the kids and he is not worried about Marty but the Softball group must submit their monthly financial reports to the commission.

Mr. Mikos said Ms. Paskiewicz has issues.

Mr. Kichar said that Acting Mayor Blume came to a Recreation meeting and said if they don't submit the reports to the Commission they will not use the fields.

Mr. Mikos said he dropped the Financial Reports off to Jeff Coppola. He said he needs to e-mail them to the Mr. Coppola.

Mr. Mengold said he could e-mail them to the commission members.

There was discussion on the format for the financial reports. The secretary gave Mr. Mikos a hard copy of the Soccer reports and she also e-mailed Mr. Mikos a copy of the Soccer financial reports and Monthly reports so that Mr. Mikos can follow that outline.

Mr. Mikos said elections will be Tuesday 10/19/10 at 6:00 p.m. He will advise the commission of who is re-elected and elected to the Board.

Mr. Coppola said Baseball is keeping their registration money and they are in the process of putting everything together.

Mr. Kichar said the President of Little League can't handle the money.

Mr. Coppola said they need three signatures on the checkbook. The registration money will go into the account and they can combine everything into one account.

Mr. Kichar said softball and baseball should be separate.

Mr. Mikos said softball is separate.

Mr. Coppola asked Mr. Mikos if he sat down with Mr. Miller about the money for the Parent's Association that is theirs.

Mr. Mikos said he knows the money is there and they need a plan. They are looking into portable bathrooms, etc.

Mr. Kichar said the money is Little Leagues.

Mr. Mikos said he is trying to put a floor plan together to present.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Mikos if he is the President of Little League.

Mr. Mikos said once we get voted back in, he will then come back to the commission for approval of the plan for the concession stand money.

Mr. Kichar said the City is giving Little League \$17,000 and the Recreation Commission has a say as to who will be President of Little League.

Mr. Coppola said there is time to find out who the President is and who is elected to the Board.

Mr. Mikos said in the Little League By-laws it is between the 10th and 20th of October that there is an election of officers.

Mr. Coppola said after the election come in to see who the signees on the accounts is.

There was no Financial Report received.

Softball

There is no one present.

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 there is only one field working. He said they need to have Emmett O'Brien field lined. The weather is not cooperating and they had to cancel games. They are fined by CJA if they cancel games. There is a game Saturday at noon and he is asking if PWD can line the field at Emmett for the game. The Premier Team usually lines the field but this year they are not using the Emmett field.

Mr. Sheehy said the Colony Park and ANC field are good. He asked if it would be possible to get a key for the Armory to access the equipment so he doesn't have to bother Jeff. He said he has stuff in his garage and he needs to put it in the Armory.

Mr. Kichar said the Commission can't give him a key. He said to schedule access when people are using the Armory so that way Mr. Sheehy can go in and out.

Mr. Sheehy said the key to Jeff's office would be OK.

Mr. Coppola said Monday through Friday someone is in the Armory.

Mr. Kichar said he will go up and open the Armory for Mr. Sheehy.

Mr. Sheehy said he needs the key to the storage area. He is requesting to use the Armory on Sunday 11/21/10 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. because it is the last day of the season and he is collecting equipment and they have to sort it and store it.

There was discussion on the ANC field for soccer.

Mr. Kichar said the ANC field will be fixed next year for soccer use. He will talk to Mr. Rowley about it.

Mr. Sheehy gave Mr. Coppola an invoice from CJSA for Fall soccer. He said the commission has received his financial reports. He said they haven't had to make any big purchases for soccer.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the soccer report. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

There is no one here for basketball.

Mr. Coppola said the Boys & Girls Club will run the Basketball program for grades 3 and up again this year.

Mr. Coppola said the Recreation Commission will run the Instructional program for basketball for the 5, 6 and 7 year olds. There is no one yet to run the program.

Mr. Coppola said Lynda Williams will run the Girls Basketball program for grades 3 through 8. Ansonia is working with Derby and Seymour for games for this program.

Mr. Coppola said he will see if Pat Lynch will talk to the 3rd grade to 8th grade children to hand out registration forms and set up a clinic.

Mr. Kichar suggested they contact Oxford also for games.

Mr. Coppola said all of the towns are having a problem with low registration for basketball.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.

Donna Lindgren was not present.

Mrs. Flaherty said that Mrs. Lindgren is on vacation and that she asked her to invite the members to the Harvest Day program at the ANC. Mrs. Flaherty gave everyone a flyer with the information.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept Mrs. Lindgren's report. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Jeff Coppola was present.

Mr. Coppola said he has covered everything during the course of the meeting.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. Sheehy handled everything with the soccer fields. He asked Premier Team if they would line the field at Emmett and they declined his request for help. He said hopefully Mr. Rowley will get up there and line the field for the game on Saturday.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. Tim O'Reilly send an e-mail and an invoice for the on-line service. This service was still in his name. Mr. Williams said he will handle it. He said he spoke with Mr. Williams and he took care of it.

Mr. Coppola said there was a Blood Drive on Sat. 10/2/10. He went there and there were about 20 to 30 people at the Red Cross.

Chairman Smith discussed the parking situation at the upper level at Nolan Field during the football games. He is concerned that there is enough room for an ambulance to get through if they needed to. He said that there is room up there for the handicap and the referees.

Mr. Coppola said the parking up there is getting better.

Mrs. Flaherty said that two gentlemen came in to see her about Flag Football at Nolan field. She said she advised them to write a letter to the commission outlining their program. She said she also invited them to this meeting.

Mr. Mengold asked what the Recreation policy is for field use for Ansonia residents and non residents. He asked if there is a charge for the use of the field.

Mr. Coppola said that a few years ago there was a flag football program that used Linett Park and they gave a donation to the city.

Mr. Kichar said the football fields are off limits to other programs. After the AYP program ends the field will be grassed for spring and no one will be up there using it.

Mr. Kichar asked who puts the signs up at Nolan field.

He was told to contact the Public Works Board.

Mr. Mengold said when West Haven fixed their fields they used tree limbs to keep people off the field.

Mr. Coppola suggested a trespass sign and a fine if they go on the field.

Mr. Mengold said then the Police have to be notified.

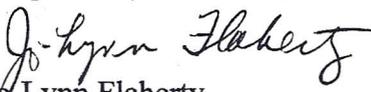
Executive Session (if needed)

None

Adjourn

Mr. Kichar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

N. E. Concrete work at the Concession Stand is complete. They did a great job. He is asking that a thank you letter be sent.

Mr. Coppola said some last minute stuff. He will take care of baseball and softball next month.

Mr. Mikos said he had to cut the field and line it themselves.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

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

1. Soccer: South Central CJSA: \$1426
2. Jeff Coppola: \$125 for five weeks gas mileage
3. Football Coordinators' – Stipends – Jon Chryzanowski - \$750
Amy Butler - \$750

Correspondence

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept and place on file all correspondence received. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. Assumption School – use of Armory for Basketball

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the request and grant permission to use the Armory as in the past. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Mengold made a motion to amend the above motion with the caveat that the use of the Armory will not be permitted during school holiday, school vacations and school cancellations and snow days. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Mr. Kichar said Mr. Williams gave him a breakdown of the expenses and income for the Concession Stand game by game for each week end. He will give it to Mr. Miller. Mr. Williams will provide this report each month for the commission and Mr. Miller.