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Regular Meeting

January 4, 2011

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Steve Kichar
Jamie Puro
Sean Rowley

Absent: Tom Lynch
Paul Mengold
Lynda Williams
Jeffrey Coppola, Recreation Director

Others Present: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

There was a quorum present.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Session

Mike Carpinella
20 Fairview Street
Ansonia, Ct 06401

Mr. Carpinella stated he was reading the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Recreation Commission and Mrs. Lindgren stated there was a problem with Mr. Softee and Mr. Rowley said if there is a problem call the police.

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Mr. Carpinella said that his truck runs with diesel fuel and he has to keep it running because of the refrigeration. He said that for four years Mrs. Lindgren has been saying there will be metal "vendor" signs installed at the Nature Center indicating where the vendor trucks can park. He said that Mrs. Lindgren told him to leave and Police Officer Jackson came up to the Nature Center. He said that he remained at the Nature Center. He has been in business for 15 years and he has a permit from the Board of Aldermen to sell his merchandise at the fields. He said there are other vendors at the Nature Center and Mrs. Lindgren doesn't check to see if they have permits. There are supposed to be garbage cans there and it is still a mess. He said he has a bag tied to his truck for garbage. He said he doesn't know what to do to please Mrs. Lindgren.

Mrs. Lindgren said that Mr. Carpinella has been coming to the Nature Center for years. He parks at the end of the sidewalk spewing fumes from his truck out into the environment. She said he comes to the Nature Center cognizant of the fact that this is a Nature Center and if he wants to be there he has to shut off his truck and park to the far end of the lot.

The conversation continued between Mrs. Lindgren and Mr. Carpinella regarding the Nature Center parking area and the vendors that use this area.

Chairman Smith asked Mrs. Lindgren where would the place be for Mr. Carpinella to park his truck.

Mrs. Lindgren said it is a marked place.

Mr. Rowley said that he will get a sign for the vendors and before it is installed he would like a meeting at the Nature Center between those involved so that everyone is in agreement.

Mr. Carpinella said that Mr. Schryver promised him a sign.

Mr. Rowley said that he will get the sign for the Nature Center. He said he may have stated "call the police if there is a problem" so that there was not a fight between anyone.

Mrs. Lindgren said the Police were called because Mr. Carpinella refused to cooperate with anyone. Officer Jackson came up and resolved the issue. The truck fumes are not good for the environment and for the children and people using the Nature Center.

Mr. Carpinella said he is still going to do it the way he does it.

Chairman Smith said the Commission will get a sign up there for him to park.

Mrs. Lindgren said the emissions are a problem.

Mr. Rowley said he will get a sign for the area.

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

Director's Reports

Baseball & Softball

There is no one present for Baseball and Softball.

Soccer

Chris Sheehy is present.

Mr. Sheehy submitted his Financial Reports and Monthly Report to the Commission. He said there is nothing major going on at this time. They will begin registration at the end of this month. The Fall soccer season is closed out. The report submitted is up to date as of December 31, 2010.

Mr. Sheehy said Mr. Paul Velardi requested to use Mead School gym for Winter Soccer practice for the Travel Team. Mead School/Board of Education requested a certificate of insurance.

Mrs. Flaherty said that Mr. Velardi called her asking how to obtain a certificate of insurance from the City's carrier. She said she called the City's carrier and they explained that they would have to get their own Certificate if the program was not part of the Recreation Commission soccer programs.

Mr. Sheehy said that they asked Mr. Coppola for time in the Armory however there was nothing available. The soccer program is off season and the Travel Team is not Recreation.

Mr. Kichar said he can't believe the Armory is not opened for two hours at any time during the week or on Saturday or Sunday for Soccer to practice.

Mr. Rowley said the Instructional Basketball program is in there in the morning and afternoon on Saturday.

There was discussion on use of the Armory and the Youth 14 Soccer travel team using the school gym.

Mr. Kichar said the ANC soccer field was to be repaired last year and it was not. He asked if it will be done for this year's season.

Mr. Rowley said they didn't have the money or the manpower to fix it last season. He said he will check with Mr. Schryver regarding repairing the field this spring so it will be ready for the Fall season.

Mr. Rowley asked if the soccer program was using Emmett O'Brien's soccer field this Spring. He said that Emmett O'Brien is planning on fielding a Football team and the field may not be available for soccer this year.

Mr. Sheehy said Emmett O'Brien has a new A.D. and he allows the Recreation Soccer program the use of their fields. The Premier Team also uses the field.

Mr. Puro said that he brought up the Premier Team at a Recreation meeting and they voted that this Premier Team was not allowed to bump Recreation programs.

Mr. Kichar said the City of Ansonia works on the Emmett O'Brien fields and we in turn get to use the fields.

Mr. Rowley said the City lines and cuts the field.

Mr. Kichar said we maintain the field and our teams get first choice on the use. He asked why they let other groups use their fields when Ansonia maintains them. We should have first choice.

Mr. Rowley said Recreation can't tell Emmett who can use their fields.

A discussion followed on the use of Emmett O'Brien fields. Mr. Rowley said Ansonia plans to work on the Nature Center field however he doesn't know how much grass growth will occur by Fall. Mr. Sheehy said the field at Colony Park is OK and he will continue switching back and forth on those fields so as not to over use them.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Rowley to do the best he can to get the Nature Center field done.

Mr. Sheehy explained the CSJA requirements for fields: large field, small field and two fields for the travel team.

Mr. Rowley said the AHS field took a beating with the grubs. He said hopefully they can play up there next year.

Mr. Sheehy said the Youth 14 team has 4 home games.

Mr. Rowley said in the Spring there are 2 teams using the AHS practice field. One year they made a practice field so that they could stay off the main field.

Mr. Sheehy asked if they could use Linett Park as a practice field.

Mr. Rowley said he didn't see a problem with using Linett Park however he will check with Mr. Schryver.

Mr. Sheehy said the lower field at the AHS field will not be ready for Spring use however if they can use it for the Fall season it would be a big help. He said the registration forms will be going home this week and there is an article in the newspaper and on the City's web site.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

There is no one present.

Football

Mr. Fred Williams is present.

Mr. Williams submitted his report and financial reports to the commission.

Mr. Williams invited the commission members to attend the annual banquet this weekend at Assumption Hall. He said there are 300 for Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. and 200 for Sunday afternoon. Millies II will cater the banquet.

Mr. Williams said on January 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a Coaches Meeting.

Mr. Kichar said that he and Mr. Rowley will attend the meeting.

Mr. Williams said the CVL meeting will begin again next month. He said this month has been quiet. All of the jackets, trophies, etc. were purchased at town vendors. There were door prizes donated by local businesses i.e. Antonio's, Best Nails, etc.

Mr. Williams said that some of the people have returned their uniforms. He has a revised list that he will give to the secretary for Mr. Blake.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to request that Mr. Blake, Corp. Counsel send a letter to all of the people who have not returned their uniforms. Mr. Rowley seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Williams said that all of the Coaches will be returning this season. Everything ran well and everyone is pleased.

Mr. Kichar asked that the Commission reschedule one of their monthly meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday so that he may attend a CVFL meeting with Mr. Williams.

Chairman Smith said that this could be done when Mr. Kichar is ready to attend the meeting.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.

Mrs. Lindgren is present.

Mrs. Lindgren gave everyone a copy of her report.

Mrs. Lindgren said there is a letter to the Board of Aldermen from Mr. Mazzerole regarding water on his property. She explained that the parking lot in front of the Community Gardens was redone. Mr. Mazzerole stated that he never had a water problem until this area was regraded.

Mrs. Lindgren said that Public Works did a great job on the project that they received a grant for replacing the Boardwalk, defining the parking areas (across from the Red Wing pond house) installing split rail fencing. The split rail fencing could not be installed until the parking area was level. This was done late August. The area looks great. She said there was a rain downpour and Mr. Mazzerole flagged her down to show her the water in his backyard. The Aldermen were called and it was taken up at the Dec. 10, 2010 meeting.

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

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Mr. Coppola is not present this evening.

Deviate from the agenda

Mr. Rowley made a motion to deviate from the agenda to appoint the football director. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to appoint Fred Williams as Football Director for the 2011 football season. Mr. Kichar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rowley made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting. Mr. Kichar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Bills

There are no bills presented this evening.

Correspondence

Mr. Rowley made a motion to accept all of the correspondence received, dispense with the reading, and place them on file. If a member requests one read or acted upon the correspondence will be brought up individually. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. Letter from Charter Hose re: Use of the Armory for the Annual Firemen's Ball.

Mr. Rowley made a motion to approve the use of the Armory for the Annual Firemen's Ball. Mr. Kichar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Kichar said that there was no quorum last month and therefore Mayor Della Volpe wrote a letter granting permission for Charter Hose/Webster Hose to use the Armory for the Annual Firemen's Ball.

2. Griffin Hospital re: request the use of the Armory for May 14, 2011 from 10-2

Mr. Rowley made a motion to grant Griffin Hospital the use of the Armory for May 14, 2011 from 10 to 2. Mr. Kichar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

Executive Session (if needed)

None

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,


JoLynn Flaherty
Secretary