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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

September 6, 2011

Regular Meeting

Present: Steve Kichar, Vice-Chairman
Nicole Carlowitz
Michael Cratty
Tom Lynch
Jamie Puro

Absent: Al Smith

Others Present: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director

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

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Director's Reports

Football

Mr. Fred Williams, AYF Director was present.

Mr. Williams said the season is underway and everything is running smoothly. There are 141 football players, 30 flag football players and 80 cheerleaders. The Cheerleaders are using the Armory this week.

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The first home game was this weekend. He has submitted incident reports – one from a Wappinger Falls player and four for our players. They received medical attention from the EMT's. They have a committee of volunteers to replace the Concession Stand. He gave all of the volunteer tradesmen names and trades to Steve Kichar. He met with Nick Behun and Mr. Behun has plans from the past. The AYF Executive Board will meet with Mr. Behun to look at the plans so that the project can get started. The cost to the City of Ansonia is materials only. All the labor will be volunteer time and experience.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said he gave the list to Tara Kolakowski and Mayor Della Volpe. These tradesmen have to have insurance in order to work on City property. They will have to provide a certificate of insurance. He said the Commission will make a motion later in the meeting. The people who are volunteering do not have any back taxes, warrants, etc.

Mr. Cratty asked if they will tear down the existing building.

Mr. Williams said they will tear it down.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the Mayor is on board with this.

Mr. Williams said that it will be a two story building with a meeting room on the second floor. The high school can use the room to show films, etc. There will be storage space that the AYF league can use. He said he will advise the commission on a weekly basis as to the progress of the building.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said he was at the field on Sunday and Jeff Coppola was there Saturday. He said it seems that the League is not going to get the parents up there at the field to volunteer their time. They have to come forward to help the program. The Board has to take another look at the banquet and who will attend free and who will pay if there is no cooperation and help from the parents. The Executive Board needs help.

Mr. Williams said it is most frustrating when they can't get help for the activities at the field.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said that he and Jeff Coppola have to be at all of the games. He said they are very disappointed in the parents. He thanked Mr. Williams for all he does up at the field for the program.

There was a discussion on a list of the handicap people who will have access to the upper parking lot. The gate will be closed and only those with permission will be allowed up there. Vice-Chairman Kichar said they don't need all of the coaches up there.

Mr. Williams said the final report is for the end of July. He has changed the time frame for the reports. Mr. Miller has received all of the reports to date and has no problem with the date changes. Mr. Miller will be one month ahead and the Commission will be one month behind.

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

Soccer

Chris Sheehy was present.

Mr. Sheehy said the Fall season is on the way. Everything is running good. He said he didn't get his reports to the Secretary before the packets were mailed.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the commission has to have the report in their packets. He told him to get the information to the secretary by Wednesday before the meeting because he wants the packets to be mailed on Thursday. He asked if the fields were OK.

Mr. Sheehy said Abe Stone and ANC are good.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept Mr. Sheehy's report. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Baseball & Softball

Softball

Kathy Paskiewicz was present.

Ms. Paskiewicz reported on softball. She said they had registration and the numbers are low. She said more children are playing soccer and cheerleading. They have 41 girls registered and playing. Everything is running smoothly. The fields are wonderful. The first game will be held this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. She invited the members to the game.

Vice-chairman Kichar said the numbers are going down in softball.

Ms. Paskiewicz said Fall ball is down. There are three levels in the Fall. There are no players for the 8 and 9 year olds. The 10 and 11 year old have a team and there are 5 girls signed up for the 12 year old. They need 12. She offered to go out of town with the girls if they wanted to play. The older girls have 27 players and two teams. They are at Nelligan Field. She said the fields were a mess but PWD did a fantastic job on the fields.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept Ms. Paskiewicz's report. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Baseball

Marty Mikos was present.

Mr. Mikos said the numbers are down. There was a summer basketball program. The second tournament, the 9 & 10 year olds won. He said they are also trying to build up their concession stand.

There was a discussion on sending out the League information in the packets.

Mr. Mikos said he will send a list of the vendors that will be working on the Concession Stand to Mr. Kichar. All of the work will be done by volunteers. He said he sent a letter to the Commission on the procedure for the construction of the Concession Stand. He also included a copy of the letter that went to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept the Little League plan for repairing and fixing the Concession Stand pending approval by the Board of Aldermen. Ms. Carlowitz seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the plan for the Concession Stand is great and the entire complex will be fixed up and beautiful.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

None

Public Session

Tim O'Reilly
20 Richard St.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. O'Reilly gave everyone a copy of a letter he received from a law firm concerning the tax exempt number for football. He said that Ray and Tony created the non-tax number. He said that everything went to Darlene Zawicka. He said the things his group purchased were through the City of Ansonia. The organization was trying to contact us last year and everything was separate and mailed out through the City. He said he turned over all of his information (540 files) to Mr. Williams. Darlene turned over all of her information.

Ms. Carlowitz said the tax attorney was recommended to Mr. Williams. We did lose the Tax ID. When the registration came around there was concern about the funds. The Tax

Attorney was recommended to Mr. Williams to try to get it all straightened out. I'm on the Executive Board and we want it straightened out.

Mr. O'Reilly said the letter says we refused to turn over our records.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said they are not referring to you.

Mr. O'Reilly said Mr. Williams formed an LLC and is getting a tax exempt number.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said this is not Recreation. You had nothing to do with the Parent's Association in the last year. We can't fault you.

Mr. O'Reilly said Mr. Williams tells everyone how bad Mr. O'Reilly is. He accused me of stealing \$1000. He bad-mouthed everyone and he never once praised anyone. He said if he mentions my name negatively I'm coming after him.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said as far as you go – we thanked you for the fine job you did. The Parent's Association never gave a Financial Report at that time. There is one year of missing reports – no reports.

Vice-Chairman Kichar apologized to Mr. O'Reilly for any inconvenience this has caused him. He advised him to take it up with the attorney that sent the letter.

Ms. Carlowitz said the tax attorney recommended how to get a tax exempt number and he helped the Executive Board. He did not charge a fee.

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

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Jeff Coppola is not present.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said that Mr. Coppola is not feeling well and is not here this evening. He said there are a few bills for Babe Ruth Tournament. There are no other bills.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the football bills are handled personally with Mr. Miller and himself.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.

Donna Lindgren is present.

Ms. Lindgren said she submitted her report for the August meeting and it was cancelled. She said there is still no vendor parking sign at the Nature Center as promised.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said that is up to Public Works Dept. Once the Commission does what they have to do on something it is up to Public Works Dept. to do what they are supposed to do. He said he recommends that Ms. Lindgren go to the Public Works meeting and also speak with Mr. Schryver, Supt. of PWD.

Ms. Lindgren said are you saying to by-pass Recreation and go directly to Public Works.

Ms. Carlowitz said Public Works is Mr. Beall's Board and she will speak to him about this problem.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said Recreation can't go any farther. He said he has been up at the field and has spoken to Mr. Schryver and was told by him that they will do it and put up the sign.

Ms. Lindgren said in regards to Ansonia Nature Center FANCI have been there and have provided support both emotional and monetary and there is a celebration in their honor the last Friday of September. She is inviting everyone to come to the celebration. It is a Taste of Nature Celebration. She is asking the commission to waive the alcohol rule in the park rules because FANCI wants to have a wine tasting event.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said that Recreation Commission doesn't have the authority to waive this rule. Ms. Lindgren would have to go to the Board of Aldermen and ask them to waive the alcohol rule in a City park.

Ms. Lindgren told the Commission members that there was fire at Pavilion #2. It burned to the ground on Saturday, 9/3/2011. The Fire Marshall is investigating.

Vice-Chairman Kichar told Ms. Lindgren to let him know if she has a problem with PWD after she speaks with them.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept Ms. Lindgren's report. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Bills

Vice-Chairman Kichar said there are no bills this evening.

Correspondence

Vice-Chairman Kichar said there is no correspondence this evening.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Concession Stand at Nolan Field

Vice-Chairman Kichar said he met with Mayor Della Volpe and Tara Kolakowski on the Concession Stand for the Football program. All of the work will be done by volunteers and the material will be paid for by the City.

Ms. Carlowitz said the Football program will be using City funds for the material. She asked if the AYF Executive Board will have to ask for a waiver of bid for the material.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said Mayor Della Volpe said he will handle everything. He is happy that this is being built.

Vice-Chairman Kichar discussed the parking at the field house. He said the Football program eliminated the parking up there. There are 5 cars that park to the left. The first game was Sunday. There were 29 football players and 39 cheerleaders.

Mr. Puro said he has spoken to the older kids in the past about parking up there.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the gate is locked during the games. They need an Orange pass or they can't go up there.

Mr. Puro asked about the AHS football games and how the parking is being handled with them.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said he is not there for those games and is not involved. He said he wanted to thank Tom Lynch for cleaning the bathrooms. He said they really appreciate the way it looks up there and it is really clean.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said he spoke to Mayor Della Volpe on the Armory and they will address that next year.

Vice-Chairman Kichar asked Nicole Carlowitz to keep the Commission informed as to what is happening with AYF Executive Board.

Ms. Carlowitz said there is no meeting in August and the July meeting was all about the tax exempt number and the registrations. She said she will see what happens in September.

Vice-Chairman Kichar said the AYP games are Saturday at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Sunday at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.

Incident Reports

Mr. Williams gave Vice-Chairman Kichar the incident reports. He will keep them because they cannot be made public and put in the Town Clerk's file because of the HIPPA law.

Executive Session (if needed)

None needed.

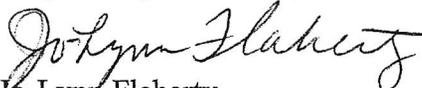
October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary