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## ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

February 7, 2012

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman  
Nicole Carlowitz  
Michael Cratty  
Steve Kichar  
Jamie Puro

Absent: Tom Lynch

Others Present: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director  
Robert Beall, Alderman

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 roll. There was a quorum present.

### Director's Reports

#### 1. Football

There was no one present.

Mr. Kichar said that Fred Williams and Jon Chrzanowski had to attend a meeting for the AYF Football in New York at 7:00 p.m. this evening and that is why they are not present.

Mr. Kichar gave a brief report for Mr. Williams and Mr. Chrzanowski stating their written report was in the packets. The banquets were held two weekends ago. There were

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350 people who attended and everything went smoothly. Coach Brockett and Alex Thomas were the guest speakers.

There will be a meeting on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at Fred Williams's house to go over the budget. Mr. Kichar said he and Nicole Carlowitz will attend.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the following list for the AYF Executive Board as presented by Mr. Williams in his report:

Fred Williams:	President
Jon Chrzanowski:	Vice-President
Alex Danka:	Treasurer/Secretary
Shawn Venson:	Co-Football Coordinator
Steve Cavanaugh:	Co-Football Coordinator
Amy Butler:	Co-Cheer Coordinator
Patricia Crisante:	Co-Cheer Coordinator

Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the following list of coaches for the AYF program as presented by Mr. Williams in his report:

Shawn Venson:	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Robert Beall:	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
John Picheco:	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Larry Cafaro:	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Open	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jimmy Benjamin:	Flag Football

Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Ms. Carlowitz said Mr. Williams is staying as President.

Mr. Kichar said he is staying as president but will take a lesser role. Shawn Venson is the Co-coordinator for Football.

Mr. Kichar said 4<sup>th</sup> grade is open and they are looking into Flag Football for them. They have coaches willing to participate.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the football report as presented by Fred Williams and received in our monthly packet. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## 2. Soccer

There was no one present.

Mr. Kichar said that Mr. Sheehy is attending a wake this evening and is not present. His written report was in the packets for the commission.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the soccer report as presented by Chris Sheehy and received in our monthly packet. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **3. Baseball & Softball**

Kathy Paskiewicz was present.

Ms. Paskiewicz said that softball registration was held on January 21 and 22. They are off to a slow start and she will hold another registration on February 12 and February 25 and 26 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Paskiewicz said the clinics are currently in session with the boys on Saturday and the girls on Sunday. She is also holding registration during the clinic sessions. She said right now softball is running smoothly.

Mr. Kichar said to remind Mr. Mikos to get the information for the packets to the secretary by noon on Wednesday so everything can be mailed out. He said to have him make copies for everyone to be put in the mailing like the football program and soccer program.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept the report as presented by Kathy Paskiewicz and received in our monthly packet. Mr. Kichar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **4. Basketball**

Mr. Kichar said Mr. Coppola advised him that the Basketball program is running fine.

### **Public Session**

There was no one present for the public session.

### **Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Dir.**

Donna Lindgren is present

Ms. Lindgren said in last month's packet there was a newspaper article regarding OSHA safety rules and regulations. The article was about the town of Seymour and they were fined because of OSHA violations. She read parts of the article to the members.

Chairman Smith said Ms. Lindgren can take care of the problems and take steps to get them fixed.

A discussion followed on the requirements imposed by OSHA for Recreation and Nature based facilities.

Mr. Kichar said the Commission will contact the person who knows about this and have them come down here to see about compliance.

Ms. Lindgren said she is waiting for the picnic pavilion update for replacement. The Spring Calendar of events is in the packet and with regard to the letter that was sent to her from the commission she will respond in writing next month.

Mr. Kichar asked why the City is receiving less money than the damage to the pavilion.

Ms. Lindgren said \$26,000 was received and replacement was \$36,000 because the insurance has a \$10,000 deductible.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept Ms. Lindgren's report and Spring Calendar of events as presented and received in the monthly packet. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Ms. Lindgren shared the newspaper article on the Red Wing Pond Pre-school with the commission members. She said it is really good publicity for the Nature Center and the Pre-School.

### **Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director**

Jeff Coppola is not present.

Mr. Kichar said Mr. Coppola is not here this evening because he just became a new father and he is with his family.

Mr. Kichar said he has asked Mr. Coppola for a list of the bills that were signed and paid during the month so that the Commission is aware of what has been paid or will be paid. Mr. Coppola told him he will have that for us next month.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular meeting and organizational meeting. Mr. Puro seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Approval of Bills**

Chairman Smith said that Mr. Kichar is working with Mr. Coppola on the bills.

Mr. Kichar said that everything is going smoothly there are no problems and there is nothing urgent with regard to the invoices.

## **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence this month.

## **Any other business to come before the Commission**

Mr. Kichar discussed a "Thank You Day" to be held in the Fall for Chairman Smith. The eighth grade boys play under the lights on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the season at a home game and that will be when the event will be scheduled. He said it is in recognition of all of the years that Mr. Smith has given to the youth of our City and to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Kichar said that when there is a Special Committee meeting of the Commission there will be a report included in the packet so that everyone on the Commission will know what was discussed during that meeting. The Football Committee will meet on February 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be a report in the packet for the Commission members so they will know what is going on. It will also be listed on the agenda under reports.

Mr. Kichar invited Mr. Beall to attend the Committee meeting with Nicole Carlowitz at Mr. Williams house on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Beall said he will attend as he is not on call that weekend.

## **Executive Session (if needed)**

None

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Kichar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Carlowitz seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary