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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

May 1, 2012

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Nicole Carlowitz
Michael Cratty
Tom Lynch
Steve Kichar

Absent: Jamie Puro
Steve Sobolewski

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

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 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

Fred Williams and Jon Chrzanowski were unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Mr. Kichar said their report was received by the Commission members in the monthly packet. The football and cheer program is going smoothly. There are 65 boys and 35 girls signed up already. The numbers in the lower level are good. Mr. Chrzanowski has been running the Concession Stand and his report was received.

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Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept Mr. Williams' report and Mr. Chrzanowski's report. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

2. Soccer

Mr. Chris Sheehy was present.

Mr. Sheehy said his report was in the monthly packet. He has two topics to discuss with the commission.

Mr. Sheehy said the first one is the goals at the fields. He is requesting that the commission send a letter to Public Works Dept. that if they move the goals on the soccer fields that when they put them back they re-anchor them. These are the metal goals and the front is heavy and if it should fall forward it will hurt someone.

Mr. Kichar asked why they move the goals.

Mr. Coppola said he will call Mr. Rowley, PWD and speak with him regarding the soccer goals and re-anchoring them should they be moved.

Mr. Sheehy discussed donating some funds to the PWD for repairs to Abe Stone Park should he have some money left over at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Coppola said that this would have to be approved by BOAT to move money from one department to another.

Mr. Kichar stressed that Mr. Sheehy make sure he has the equipment and supplies that he needs for the program before he transfers funds out. He said there was a coaching issue with the Youth 19 team which was addressed.

Mr. Sheehy said the Youth 19 coach was arrested for domestic dispute and the Soccer Board asked him to step down until it is resolved. There was no problem with this and the coach stepped down.

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

3. Baseball & Softball

There is no one present.

Mr. Kichar said that all the Commission members received was the schedules. There is no financial report for this month.

Mr. Coppola said he will mention this to Mr. Mikos.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the Baseball schedules. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. Basketball

Mr. Coppola said that the Basketball season is over. He has no report for Basketball.

Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director

Donna Lindgren was present.

Mr. Kichar said he received his report from Ms. Lindgren late. The reports have to be in on Wednesday. He said soccer, football and Mr. Coppola can get their reports in on time.

Ms. Lindgren said her report was submitted on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Kichar said no it was not received on time and was not mailed with the other reports. He asked Chairman Smith how he wanted to handle this.

Chairman Smith said he will go forward this meeting because the Secretary mailed out the report for Ms. Lindgren in a separate package so the Commission would have it before the meeting. He said if the reports are not in with the regular packet next month he will not take it up.

Mr. Kichar said the reports are due on Wednesday at 12:00 noon for the monthly meeting so that they can be mailed out to the Commission members.

Ms. Lindgren said she would like to see it in writing.

Mr. Kichar made a motion that all reports are handed in to the Secretary by Wednesday at 12:00 noon to be mailed in the monthly packet. Ms. Carlowitz seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Ms. Lindgren stated the Commission has her report and asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Carlowitz asked why we are still talking about the "No Vendor" sign at the Nature Center.

Mr. Kichar said we have talked about it for years. Mr. Coppola spoke to Public Works about the sign.

Mr. Coppola said that some of the signs are done by the Police Dept. and some are done by the Public Works Dept. He is not sure who is responsible for this sign. He said he will check and let the commission know.

Mr. Kichar said when Mr. Rowley was on the Commission he explained that it was the Nature Centers responsibility to get the sign.

There was discussion on sending a letter to the Board of Aldermen regarding the sign.

Mr. Coppola said he will call Mr. Schryver tomorrow on whose responsibility it is to get the sign.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Coppola if he brought this up at the Mayor's cabinet meeting.

Mr. Coppola said he did and the Mayor brought it up also.

There was discussion on the Vendor obtaining a permit from the Police Dept. Ms. Lindgren said that the Board of Aldermen granted him a permit at their last meeting. She said she doesn't have a problem with the vendor but they have to know where they can park their trucks.

Mr. Coppola asked if the Recreation Commission can send him a letter designating where he should park.

Ms. Lindgren said you still need the sign.

Mr. Kichar asked about the stolen lap top that was taken from the Nature Center.

Ms. Lindgren said they suspect who did it.

Mr. Kichar asked if a letter should be send to Corporation Counsel Blake asking if the City of Ansonia insurance could compensate the individual who lost the computer.

Ms. Lindgren said she has a letter from Corp. Counsel Blake.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Coppola to find out about the signs and let the Commission know.

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

Ms. Lindgren thanked the commission and left meeting to attend another meeting.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Jeff Coppola was present.

Mr. Kichar said the children who attended the Fishing clinic had a “blast”.

Mr. Coppola said with regard to the Valley Discount Liquor request, the weekend of 6th and 7th the Youth program will be playing home. He said we don't allow alcohol at Nolan Field. He said they spoke to Mr. Sharkey, Board of Aldermen President. They were told to come to Recreation Commission to get permission to use the field. After that they will go to the Board of Aldermen.

Ms. Carlowitz said that Alderman Beall said this should be Economic Development issue.

Mr. Kichar said why go to Economic Development to use the field. We give out the field.

Ms. Carlowitz said because there will be food there and people coming to Ansonia and they say they want to donate money to Ansonia.

There was discussion on using the field for this type of program and allowing alcohol on the field. Mr. Coppola said they would have to get permission from the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and they would need Recreation Commission approval to use the field and that would depend on the field schedule.

Mr. Kichar said there is home football games scheduled for the field for that date. He said that Mr. Coppola, Ms. Carlowitz and himself will attend the Board of Aldermen meeting next week.

Mr. Kichar requested that a letter be send to the Board of Aldermen advising them of the Recreation Commission policy of not allowing alcohol on the field and that there are Youth Football games scheduled for that weekend at Nolan Field.

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept the two Babe Ruth Coaches – Charles Baxter and Frank DeLiberio. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Coppola about the Middle School baseball game at Nolan Field on Monday. He said it is not a problem but Mr. Sheehy received a hard time from the Board of Ed when he asked for permission to use the Soccer field.

There was discussion on the above and the use of the fields by the Board of Education and Recreation programs.

Mr. Coppola said that it was not the Board of Education but the Soccer Coach and the AHS AD. They gave the wrong information to the Board of Ed. It was on the High School field. He said he spoke to Mr. Piccolo and told him he needs their schedule.

Mr. Kichar asked Mr. Coppola to bring this up at the Mayor's staff meeting. The AHS AD says no to our programs and then they use our fields without telling us.

Mr. Coppola said that AHS has to come to Recreation with their schedule and then if there is a conflict we can work it out.

There was discussion on parking cars up where the Fieldhouse is at Nolan Field.

Mr. Coppola said that Little League addition to the Concession Stand is in progress. He said Recreation needs to see the financial break down on this project.

Mr. Kichar said the \$21,000 was put into the Public Works line items and Mr. Schryver will pay all of the bills. Anything over the \$21,000 Recreation needs to see how they are spending the registration fees.

Discussion on the Registration fees and how it is being spent for the Little League Baseball and Softball program.

Mr. Coppola said they can't use registration fees for capital improvements.

Ms. Carlowitz said the \$21,000 was donated and is not City of Ansonia money.

Mr. Kichar said you can't take money from the registration fees. Registration fees are not to be used for the Concession Station.

Mr. Coppola said he e-mailed him to get together on the concession stand but he is very busy. He discussed that the baseball program is losing kids and that they have to make it worthwhile for them to play. The registration fee is \$70.

The members discussed the Instructional League and the registration fee charged for them. The Little League has the Concession Stand that pays for the trophies, etc. for the league. The money should be used on the children. The people who run the Stand for football gave the players a banquet, jackets and trophies. Mr. Coppola said there is money in the Little League line item for them to get equipment and things they need for the program for next season. The year ends in June and the new money in the line in July is for next year's season. The Little League people said they didn't know that. They have to use this year's funds before the end of June.

Mr. Coppola said the Instructional fee was high but they gave the kids back something.

Mr. Sheehy said they did a good job with the uniforms – they had shirts and hats that were real nice.

Mr. Kichar asked about using the Senior Center for a concert by Mark Lanzieri. He said he could play some Frank Sinatra music and do something nice for them the next time they have a dinner at the Center.

Mr. Coppola said he has spoken with Mary Deptula about it and she said they could pay for the entertainment out of the Senior Center budget.

Mr. Kichar said he spoke with Mark Lanzieri last week and he is interested in doing something at the Senior Center.

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

Reports: Committee Reports

Mr. Kichar said there are no Committee Reports this month.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kichar made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the April 3, 2012 meeting. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Mr. Coppola presented the following invoice:

1. TEAM Sports Group LLC for \$2121.63 for Soccer travel uniforms

Mr. Kichar made a motion to pay the TEAM Sports invoice in the amount of \$2121.63. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

Chairman Smith said he attended the FOI meeting held by Corporation Counsel Blake and he had some information for the members. He asked the secretary to send it out in next month's mailing.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Mr. Kichar discussed the operation of the concession stand during the baseball season. He said that it was open for 5 games and they made less than \$100. He said there are no CIAC games scheduled for Nolan Field this year.

Mr. Lynch said that there are no more semi-final games for CIAC; they play at the higher seed.

Mr. Kichar said there are four night games before the next meeting. There are no home games next year and Mr. Chrzanowski puts in a lot of time. The Gridiron Club gives the Concession Stand three or four varsity kids to help out in the Stand. This comes off their fee there is no money paid to the kids.

Mr. Kichar said he will donate the rolls for the Senior Night game (AHS) and give them a hot dog and French fries. That game is May 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

There was discussion on the softball field at Nolan Field. Mr. Kichar said he would like to see PWD put grass there.

Mr. Lynch said Colony Pond is not completed from when DEP worked on it. The Pond was supposed to be stocked and they were to put in a walking trail around the pond. He said Osborndale Park is the same size and the kids go fishing there.

Dave Connolly ran the fishing class this year and there were 28 kids. Mr. Coppola said possibly he could run something after the Soccer program ends.

Mr. Lynch said the Colony Pond project was never completed.

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary