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## ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

June 4, 2012

### Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman  
Michael Cratty  
Tom Lynch  
Jamie Puro  
Steve Sobolisky

Absent: Nicole Carlowitz  
Steve Kichar

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

Mr. Jon Chrzanowski was present.

Mrs. Flaherty said that Mr. Kichar asked that she thank Mr. Chrzanowski for him for all of the time and hard work he put in at the Concession Stand. He said Mr. Chrzanowski worked hard and put in a lot of time to try to and raise funds for the programs.

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A letter was received from Fred Williams resigning as the AYF President.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept Mr. Williams's resignation and send a letter thanking him for his time. Mr. Sobolisky seconded. All in favor, so carried.

A letter was received from Jon Chrzanowski seeking the position of President.

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept Mr. Chrzanowski's letter and to appoint him as President of the AYF football program. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Chrzanowski said that the Financial Report for the League will be forwarded to the Commission by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept 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 said that the Spring season will finish this Sunday. They are currently conducting registration for the Fall Season. There is a problem with the soccer field at Abe Stone Park. He said it has been three weeks since the field was lined and cut. They are playing with no lines and hopefully it will get cut before the last home game.

Mr. Sheehy said the Armory side door (double door) never closes. The catch in the door never releases and therefore the door never closes. He wanted to make the Commission aware of this.

Mr. Coppola said PWD is under manned and he has spoken with Mr. Schryver today regarding the soccer field at Abe Stone park. He said they will get up there and cut and line the field. The Spring season is tough for maintenance of parks and fields because there is soccer, baseball, softball etc. all using the fields. He said he will meet with the PWD in February to outline a schedule for field maintenance. The kids need to have the field cut and lined to play soccer.

Mr. Sheehy said if he calls Mr. Rowley he gets up to the field right away but there are 9 games in total and the last 3 games the field was not cut or lined. That is one third of the games.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. Schryver said by the weekend the field will be cut and lined.

Mr. Sheehy said he submitted two bills for referees that must be paid.

Mr. Coppola said he can take care of the bills.

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

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

There is no one present.

Mr. Coppola said there is a Softball Report in the packet but there is no Baseball Report. This is the third month with no report. He said he has bills for the program but he can't pay them until Mr. Miller sees the financial reports and gives his OK to pay the bills.

Mr. Coppola said they ordered uniforms without seeing them. The Recreation Commission pays for one All Star Team and one 11 & 12 year old boys team. They will not pay the invoices without receiving a Financial Report.

### **4. Basketball**

Mr. Coppola said he has no report for Basketball.

Chairman Smith asked if Mr. Coppola planned any teams for basketball for the summer.

Mr. Coppola said that the Head Basketball Coach for AHS is running a free basketball clinic in the Armory this summer. He said he has some funds left over in the basketball line item and he would like to use these funds to purchase tee shirts for the girl's participating in the clinic from the Recreation Commission. He said he needs permission from the Commission to use the funds for tee shirts for the free clinic.

Mr. Sobolisky asked the ages and grades of the children that will be participating in the free clinic.

Mr. Coppola said grades 3 through 8.

Mr. Sobolisky asked what grades the Coach will be doing.

Mr. Puro said they are not high school age kids.

Mr. Coppola said grades 5, 6 and 7 at the Armory.

## Public Session

Juan Carlos  
126 South Cliff St.  
Ansonia, Ct 06401

Mr. Carlos said he is asking for permission to use the soccer field at the Ansonia Nature Center for his league which runs June 12 through August 16. The games are played on Tuesdays or Thursdays of each week. There are a total of 10 games with 5 home games. They need a home field. This is a summer soccer team made up of college kids under the age of 23 years old.

Mr. Coppola asked Mr. Sheehy if there was a conflict with his soccer schedule.

Mr. Sheehy said he didn't think there was a conflict. He said this team is for the youth 19 and older kids that want to continue to play.

Mr. Coppola said he can't speak for the PWD with regard to lining and cutting the field. He said he will speak with the PWD and if it is feasible and if they say they can do it and there is not a conflict then the field will be prepared. He said the Commission can give them permission to use the field pending PWD has the time to maintain the field.

Ms. Lindgren asked the time of the games.

Mr. Carlos said 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Lindgren said the ANC staff leaves at 8:00 p.m. and she is requesting that they vacate the field at that time. She is also requesting that they police the field, take care of the trash and there is no alcohol allowed.

Mr. Carlos said that would not be a problem. They will clean up after themselves. There are 5 home games and they finance the league themselves. They are asking for funding from the Recreation Commission for the referees.

Ms. Lindgren said she is requesting they park in the regular parking lot and walk down to the field. There is one car for emergencies allowed to park down at the field.

Mr. Puro made a motion to approve the request to use the ANC soccer field pending PWD ability to prepare the field and they must abide by the guidelines. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Jay Choszyk  
91 Ford St.  
Ansonia, CT

Mr. Choszyk said he is asking for permission to use Nolan Field for baseball for the Tri-State Baseball League. There are 5 to 6 Ansonia kids on the team. There is a total of between 10 to 16 kids on a team. They are requesting to use Nolan Field for a few home games.

Mr. Coppola reviewed the Babe Ruth Schedule.

Chairman Smith asked if this was a semi-pro team.

Mr. Choszyk said it is mostly college kid's ages 19 to 22 years old. There is no charge to play on the fields. The team charges \$200 each to play to cover expenses.

Mr. Coppola said the City will need a Certificate of Insurance. They will have to work with the PWD on field maintenance and there has to be coordination between the Babe Ruth teams and the American Legion on scheduling games.

Mr. Puro made a motion to allow Mr. Choszyk's team to play a couple of games at Nolan Field and he must coordinate the games with the Babe Ruth and American Legion games. He must provide a certificate of insurance. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Rev. Davis  
163 N. Main St.  
Ansonia, CT 06401

Rev. Davis is asking for permission to use Liberty Park for one day in August for basketball.

Mr. Sobolisky asked the condition of the park.

Rev. Davis said the park has to be cleaned up. He said he will canvas the neighborhood and get a group together to help clean the park so that they can have something happen at Liberty Park. They would like one day for basketball. They will provide tee shirts but they need help paying for the referees.

Mr. Coppola asked the age of the children that will be participating in the basketball game.

Rev. Davis said they will be high school age kids – several young men and women approached him and asked him if they can get something going for the kids. They would like to have a basketball game. He said Liberty Park is behind the ACA building and there is a court next to it but it needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Coppola suggested Rev. Davis organize a day before the game as a Community Clean up Day. He said as Recreation Director he will try to find volunteer referees in the community to donate their time to referring the game.

Mr. Puro made a motion to allow Rev. Davis to use Liberty Park for a basketball game on August 18, 2012. Mr. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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

**Reports: Donna Lindgren, ANC Director**

Donna Lindgren was present.

Ms. Lindgren said the commission has her report. She said there is a letter in her report from January 2012 that states the information for the packet must be in by Thursday.

Chairman Smith said that Ms. Lindgren's report was in this month's packet and that is all there is to say about it. It was voted last month that the information from everyone must be in by Wednesday before the meeting.

Mr. Puro said that Recreation has been dealing with this issue for years and they have requested the information be sent to the members in their packets so the commission members can have an opportunity to read it before the meeting. He said that it is not an issue and that the commission has voted on the day – Wednesday before the meeting for all information to be submitted for the month's packet. He said there should be no further discussion on this as it has been voted on.

Ms. Lindgren said the last written notice was Thursday.

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

**Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director**

Jeff Coppola was present.

Mr. Coppola said he received a request from Laura Poquette to use Nolan Field on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for her annual Lupus Walkathon. This is the fifth year they have held this walk.

The Babe Ruth schedule was included in the monthly packet for everyone.

Mr. Coppola said there will be a meeting of the committee on charging fees for the use of the fields and use of the Armory on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. He said Mr. Smith, Mr. Kichar, Mr. Puro will represent the Recreation Commission and Mayor Della Volpe, Corp. Counsel Blake, Alderman Jerome Fainer, Alderman Joe Jeanette , Chief

Hale and Supt. Mike Schryver will also be in attendance. He said this meeting will be a workshop meeting.

Chairman Smith asked about changing the locks at the Armory and also about checking on fixing the door that doesn't lock.

Mr. Coppola said he will check on this and speak with Mr. Schryver.

Mr. Coppola said the budget was passed.

Mr. Coppola said he was at Colony Pond the other day and took a walk around there. He said that Mr. Lynch is right. There is a lot of potential there but there is also a lot of work that has to be done to finish the clean up that was started. He said he will take a look at the area in late February and March to see what needs to be done and see if there is something that could be put together to get some of the work accomplished.

Ms. Lindgren suggested he contact Pat Tarasovic from United Way because she has a group that is looking for work to do and she may be able to send a crew to Colony Pond.

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

Mr. Cratty made a motion to allow Laura Poquette the use of Nolan Field on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Lupus Walkathon. Mr. Sobolisky seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Reports: Committee Reports**

There are no Committee Reports this month.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Puro made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Bills**

Mr. Coppola presented the following bills:

1. Art Solis Sr.: Soccer referee - \$1260
2. Adrienne Solis: Soccer referee - \$1260
3. Babe Ruth: \$1500

Mr. Coppola said that Babe Ruth has a stipend of \$1500 which they are requesting so that they can purchase what they need for the league. They have bills that have to be paid. They understand that the Recreation Commission doesn't purchase uniforms for this program.

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

**Correspondence**

None

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

None

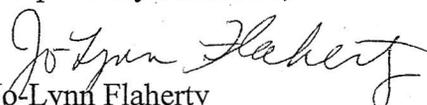
**Executive Session**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Puro 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