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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

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August 19, 2014

Special Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Jeff Devine
Michael Cratty
Frank DeLibero
Steve Sobolisky

Absent: Anne Lynch
Paul Velardi

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director
Lorie Vaccaro, 3rd Ward Alderman
Doug Novak, Supt. PWD
Sheila O'Malley, ECD Director
Chris Tymniak, Gov. Liaison
Harry Danley

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Smith at 5:30 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

The secretary read the call of the meeting.

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August 18, 2014

Elizabeth Lynch
Town & City Clerk
City of Ansonia
Ansonia, CT 06401

Dear Ms. Lynch:

The Ansonia Recreation Commission will hold a special meeting of the Commission as follows:

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Ansonia City Hall
Purpose: Tennis Court at Abe Stone Park

Respectfully,
Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

Mr. Sobolisky made a motion to accept the call of the meeting as read. Mr. DeLibero seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Danley said he had a petition to present to the Commission during public session.

Mr. Coppola said there is no public session on the agenda this evening. This is a special meeting.

Mr. Coppola explained that he spoke with some people and the tennis courts have not been used in 25 years. They are a liability, an eye sore and a risk to public health and safety. The Public Works Dept. can remove the fence at the Tennis Court shortly because within two weeks they will be in the middle of the football and soccer seasons and will not have the man power to do the work.

Mr. Coppola said he is asking the Recreation Commission to vote to remove the fence at the Tennis Courts because of the liability risk factor. The Tennis Court has not been used in 25 years.

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Mr. Sobolisky asked if they were removing everything that is there (clay, etc.) or just the fence because they haven't been used in years.

Mr. Coppola said they were just removing the fence at this time.

Mr. DeLibero made a motion to remove the fence at the Tennis Court at Abe Stone Park. Mr. Sobolisky seconded.

Mr. Devine said that no one uses the Tennis Courts anywhere. He went up to the park to look at them and they are a mess. He asked if there was any background information that the Board doesn't know about regarding the removal of the fence. He is asking because an emergency special meeting was called and he is asking why it could not wait until the regular meeting.

Mr. Coppola said the regular meeting is in two weeks and PWD will be very busy at that time with the fields and they have the time now to do the work. He said the Tennis Court fence has to be removed it is 30 years old.

Mr. Sobolisky said there is no future plan right now for this area – we are voting to take a fence down.

Mr. Coppola said yes.

Chairman Smith said he was up there two weeks ago and they should go all the way and take it all down and then we can worry about what we will do with it later.

Mr. Danley put the petition he has on the table for the commissioners.

The petition was given back to Mr. Danley by Mr. Coppola.

Mr. Coppola said we have batting cages, etc. throughout the City that have to be taken care of also. He said we can take the petition up at the next regular meeting.

Chairman Smith said the Commission will send a letter to the Public Works Dept. on the vote.

Mr. Devine asked if there were any grants under the Public Works Dept. to do this.

Mr. Coppola said no, he doesn't know of any.

Mr. Sobolisky said the vote is just for removal of the fence and nothing else.

Mr. Coppola said yes, for the removal of the fence at the Tennis Court.

Chairman Smith called for a vote of the commission. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mr. DeLibero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary