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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

July 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Michael Cratty
Jeff Devine
Anne Lynch
Paul Velardi

Absent: Steve Sobolisky

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director
Alison Rublemann, ANC Director

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:00 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll and there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 2, 2015 with the following correction. Mr. Devine seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Corrections: "Miners" should be "Minors" and "Vealor" should be "Zealor"

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Public Session

Chairman Smith asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There was no one.

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

Director Reports

Soccer

Chris Sheehy was not present.

There was no monthly report or financial report received.

Baseball & Softball

Mr. Robert DeFelice was present.

There was no monthly report or financial report received.

Mr. DeFelice said that they have finished their Regular Season and the All-Stars are playing in the tournaments. He said the 9 & 10 year olds played two games and are 1 & 1. The 10 & 11 year olds played two games and are 1 & 1.

He said the summer baseball program for 7, 8 and 9 year olds started tonight and will end in two weeks. There will be mini playoff games with local towns (Seymour, Derby, Beacon Falls, etc.)

Mr. DeFelice said the 9 & 10 year old softball program played their first game at Nelligan Field. They are hosting the Conn. State Senior Level softball tournament for 15, 16 and 17 year olds. There are five teams. They will play 7/15/15 through 7/20/15.

Mr. DeFelice said the flag pole is down at Nolan Field.

Mr. Coppola said he will check with Public Works on a replacement.

Mr. Cratty asked if everything was working at Nelligan Field for the tournaments.

Mr. DeFelice said yes, everything is working and he is trying to get another P.A. system for the back field because there are two games being played. The Senior games are 7/15/15 and the District 3 9 & 10 year old games start 7/12/15.

Ms. Lynch said the area that was blocked off at the field was a good idea.

Mr. DeFelice said they will do that again for the tournament games. It helps when they are trying to do the books.

Mr. Devine asked about the Fall baseball registration.

Mr. DeFelice said they have started sign ups at the All Star games and on 8/5/15 (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.) they will hold sign-ups at the Armory and on 8/8/15 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) they will hold sign-ups at both fields.

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept the Baseball & Softball reports as presented. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Basketball

Mr. Coppola said there is nothing to report this month.

Football

Mr. Fred Williams was present this evening. He presented his monthly report to the commissioners. He said there is no financial report at this time but once it is completed he will forward a copy to the Commission.

Mr. Williams said there are 97 Cheer registered and 129 Football players registered. He said there is a meeting tomorrow evening and they will be discussing the teams. They may have to combine teams to make the numbers.

He said they would like to use the Armory Thursday, July 16 for Registration.

Mr. Coppola said Thursday July 16 is OK. They can use the Armory for registration.

Mr. Williams discussed the Concession Stand and the costly repairs that they have had to make. The double door refrigerator was not working and they had to have it repaired. The fryolators are not working (a problem with lighting them). He said he called a repair company to assess the fryolators. There was no heat and the ports were rusted and corroded and the gas was not flowing to the burners. The warmers don't work and they will be picked up with the fryolators next week and repaired.

Mr. Williams asked about a storage room at the Armory for the football equipment. He said they will be getting their uniforms, equipment and helmets back from Stadium soon and it worked out well with the storage room at the Armory.

Mr. Coppola said he has a key and will let Mr. Williams know when they can get into the Armory.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Coppola to look into having the Concession Stand doors repaired. The doors are falling apart because you have to use a lot of force to open them. The seal at the bottom of doors and the counters have to be repaired.

Mr. Coppola said he will speak with Supt. Novak tomorrow on the doors.

Mr. Williams asked if he has to ask for permission to use Nolan Field for their home games. He said he is coordinating with Coach Tom Brockett on the schedule. Brian Piccolo is coordinating with Coach Brockett on the schedules. He said the first weekend in September there is a conflict with the AHS varsity games. He said he would like to schedule all of the games on one day.

There was discussion on the game scheduling.

Ms. Lynch said with regard to the 2010 issue received from the State of CT, she had Corporation Counsel Marini review it and he said the State never pursued it so it is a dead issue.

Mr. Williams said they are up to date on the Corporation filing with the State of CT. They are all set. Corporation name is: Ansonia Youth Football & Cheer Inc.

Mr. Velardi asked the benefit of incorporating.

Mr. Williams said that you have to incorporate for the IRS exemption because of the 5013c status.

Mr. Devine asked if there was anything else that came up when he took over the football program.

Mr. Williams said no, Jen Millea did a good job.

Mr. Devine asked who controls Nolan Field.

Mr. Coppola said it's our field, it's under Recreation and is maintained by Public Works Dept.

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept the football monthly report. Mr. Velardi seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Alison Rublemann, ANC Director

Alison Rublemann was present. Her report was in the packet.

Ms. Rublemann reviewed her report with the commissioners. The Friends submitted another grant for the playground. B&L Engineering Firm will do the parking lot and dredging of the pond. They will begin the work in October.

Ms. Lynch asked if this work will interfere with soccer.

Mr. Velardi said he doesn't know. He asked if they will shut down the entire parking lot.

Ms. Rublemann said they will have part of the parking lot open so they can use the bottom of the lot.

Mr. Velardi said soccer can work around it.

Ms. Rublemann said the dredging of the pond will be the end of next summer. She discussed the programs that are scheduled for July 2015 at the Nature Center. She said they are working on the air conditioning system in the ANC office and the modified ventilation system in the main building.

Ms. Lynch asked that Mr. Chris Sheehy be kept informed on the parking lot work.

Ms. Rublemann said that Saturday, July 25, 2015 (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) is Mud Day at the Nature Center. She said they will use the section at the bottom of the field. There will be dirt dropped there and Public Works can use it to fix the fields after Mud Day.

Mr. Cratty made a motion to accept Ms. Rublemann's monthly report. Mr. Velardi seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Mr. Coppola was present.

Mr. Coppola said there will be a trip on August 6, 2015 to Yankee Stadium for the Red Sox vs. N. Y. Yankee baseball game. The tickets are \$80 and that includes ticket and bus fare. They will be leaving Nolan Field at 4:00 p.m.

He said the Met game was a good trip, everyone had a good time and they had excellent seats.

Mr. Coppola said he will meet with Public Works and he will get a key to the Armory so he and Mr. Williams can clean out the room at the Armory.

Mr. Coppola discussed the Fall field situation especially soccer with the commissioners. He said he will meet with Mr. Velardi, Supt. Novak, Mr. Cegelka and Mr. Rowley on the fields and their condition and what can be done to re-establish them.

Mr. Velardi said that it may be too late for the Fall season. He said they can use the field at the Nature Center this year.

Mr. Coppola said Recreation doesn't have enough fields. There is non-stop use on the fields because the program exploded. Emmett O'Brien Tech is getting turf. The program can use Linett Park for practice and they can put goals at Pine Lot for soccer to take the pressure off the fields. He will meet with Supt. Novak to see what PWD can do.

Mr. Coppola discussed the Summer Camp program. The program begins tomorrow, July 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He has 46 counselors this year. The program has to be more organized. The children have to tell him which days they are coming to the camp to participate. There are 300 kids signed up.

Mr. Coppola discussed working with Ms. Rublemann next year on some programs for the children. The Recreation Summer Camp runs for 6 weeks.

Ms. Rublemann said that she will review the schedules for next year with Mr. Coppola because she still need to have time to do the Nature Day program.

Mr. Coppola gave a brief outline of the program scheduling for the day. He said there are no buses to transport the children. They must provide their own transportation.

Ms. Lynch asked if the 6 year olds have to complete a full year of kindergarten before they can register for the summer camp.

Mr. Devine asked who pays for the breakfast and lunch they provide to these children.

Mr. Coppola said the State of Conn. Grant through Dom Golia. He provides all of the meals. He said that a parent has to sign the child in and out.

Discussion on different programs that could be done during the six week Summer Camp.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to accept Mr. Coppola's report. Ms. Lynch seconded

Ms. Lynch asked Mr. Coppola about the status of the Armory Floor.

Mr. Coppola said at the last Board of Aldermen meeting, Ms. O'Malley brought it up and stated that it is the same, they are in the process of having someone come in and look at the floor to see how much it will cost.

Ms. Lynch said that they met 7 weeks ago with Ms. O'Malley and Supt. Novak on this. She said that she spoke during the public session of the Board of Aldermen meeting and they said they would have an answer in June.

Chairman Smith called for a vote on the motion: All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Mr. Coppola said there are no bills this month.

Correspondence

None

Any other business to come before the commission

None

Executive Session

None needed.

August Meeting

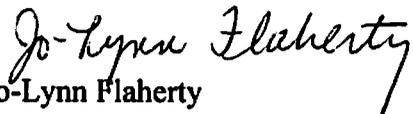
Ms. Lynch made a motion to cancel the August 4, 2015 meeting due to summer vacation. Mr. Velardi seconded. All in favor, so carried.

The August meeting has been cancelled.

Adjourn

Mr. Devine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary