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## ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

August 5, 2015

Special Meeting

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

Absent: Steve Sobolisky

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

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 and there was a quorum present.

The call of the meeting is as follows:

August 3, 2015

Special Meeting

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: Wednesday, August 5, 2015  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Place: Ansonia City Hall  
Purpose: 1. To approve a new AYF Executive Board

Respectfully,  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary

Ms. Lynch said as the Football liaison to the Recreation Commission she is presenting the new AYF Executive Board. She said Fred Williams resigned as President and the Treasurer relocated to North Carolina. She said Brad Zealor moved up to President; Keith Maynard, Vice-President; Sakini DePina, Secretary and Delores Basuljevic, Treasurer.

Mr. Velardi asked if these were the only candidates.

Ms. Lynch said yes.

Mr. Devine asked what happened.

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Ms. Lynch explained that Brad Zealor was the Vice-President and he moved up to President. Mr. Maynard was the Football Coordinator and we asked him to fill that vacancy. He is doing an excellent job as the coordinator. Mr. Williams resigned for a personal conflict. Ms. DePina was already approved as the secretary. The Treasurer relocated to North Carolina.

Ms. Lynch said they held a Parent's meeting and a football meeting. She said Mr. Coppola was honest with the parents and told them he will get it rectified. They met and discussed everything and made a decision. There was a lot of positive feedback on Monday with the parents stating they never had a Parent's meeting. The communication has been better. Monday night there was registration, the booths were set up properly and there is a follow up system in place. Ms. DePina will send out a notice to the parents on the events.

Chairman Smith said that he would like to attend one of these meetings.

Ms. Lynch said OK, there isn't a meeting schedule yet but she will let him know when there is one scheduled.

Mr. Devine asked if they are confident there are no issues with this transition. He said he doesn't want to look back and have a problem.

Ms. Lynch said it isn't good to go into a season without an Executive Board. She said she is confident - they are working well together.

Mr. Coppola said they are getting the registration, paperwork and picking the teams. The last week and the next two weeks are crucial to the program. Communication is "key" to the success of the program and in the past there wasn't any communication. The equipment was given out yesterday.

Ms. Lynch said we have Team Mom's and a Team Mom meeting for all of the teams.

There was discussion on the Commission standards with regard to background checks for all candidates involved in the Recreation sports program. The Commission has rejected candidates in the past. There was discussion on making exceptions to these standards. It was discussed that this group has done a lot of positive work for the program.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to approve the Executive Board minus the candidate for Vice-President with the expectation the AYF Club will seek a nominee to be approved at a future Recreation Commission meeting. Mr. Devine seconded. Roll call vote: 1 abstain (Smith) 4 no (Lynch, Cratty, Velardi, Devine) 1 absent (Sobolisky).

The motion was denied.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to approve the Executive Board minus the candidate for Vice-President with the expectation the AYF Club will seek a nominee to be approved at a future

Recreation Commission meeting or until the Recreation Commission has resolved our approval standards regarding proposed Executive Boards. Mr. Devine seconded.  
Roll Call vote: 3 yes (Cratty, Velardi, Devine) 2 no (Lynch, Smith) 1 absent (Sobolisky)

The motion carried.

Executive Board:

Brad Zealor - President  
Sakini DePina – Secretary  
Delores Basuljevic - Treasurer

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Velardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary