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## ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

September 1, 2015

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman  
Michael Cratty  
Anne Lynch  
Steve Sobolisky

Absent: Jeff Devine  
Paul Velardi

Others Present: Allison Rublemann, Ansonia Nature Center Director

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:05 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 as written the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 7, 2015 and Special Meeting on August 5, 2015. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.**

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## **Public Session**

**Keith Maynard**  
8 Cook Street  
Ansonia, CT

Mr. Maynard said that he is here this evening asking for the Recreation Commission's support for the position of Vice-President of the AYF & C Program. He said he has been serving in that position this season, doing all of the duties required and he is asking for the commission's support. He thanked the members.

**Sakini DePina**  
Lester Street  
Ansonia, CT

Ms. DePina stated she is currently serving as the secretary on the AYF & C Executive Board. She said she was the only elected board member left after everyone resigned and Mr. Maynard has helped her and helped the program. She said Mr. Maynard has been doing all of the work and he has earned the trust of the Board and he recognizes that the purpose of all of this is for the kids. She has had kids in this program for years and she stepped up to serve on the Executive Board and Mr. Maynard helped to keep the program running for the kids. She said his appointment as Vice-President is still pending before this Commission and he has been doing all of the work and keeping the program running and she is asking for support for Mr. Maynard as Vice-President. She thanked the members.

**Haneefah Burrell**  
N. Main Street  
Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Burrell said that she has three children who participate in the Cheer program. She is here this evening to speak on behalf of Mr. Maynard and to show her support for the program. She thanked the commissioners.

**Dolores Basuljevic**  
222 N. Main Street  
Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Basuljevic said she recently joined the Executive Board as Treasurer. She said it has definitely been a challenge. She said Mr. Maynard has helped the group and has kept them together. She said he is a good choice for Vice-President of AYF & C. He helped Ms. DePina when she was left alone on the Board and he kept things going. She said that she has left the Financial Report this evening. She asked if there was anything else she should do for the Recreation Meeting.

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Ms. Lynch said that the Financial Report is her responsibility but someone should come from the AYF & C Executive Board to the monthly meetings to give a report.

Mr. Sobolisky said he wasn't present at last month's meeting. He asked about the motions that were made for the Vice-President position. He said the first motion was denied and the second motion carried to resolve the approval standards of the Board guidelines. He said this may not be Recreation's call to approve appointments to the Executive Board or is Recreation setting a precedent.

Ms. Burrell asked about the Special Meeting held in August.

Ms. Lynch explained the Recreation Commission meeting schedule and that the August meeting is usually cancelled and that is why there was a special meeting.

Ms. Burrell asked what are the qualifications for the AYF & C Board members and who is this opened to. How can someone participate?

Ms. Lynch said that the AYF & C is opened to anyone who wishes to volunteer.

Mr. Sobolisky said that there is an election process and there is a full public announcement when the elections will take place.

Ms. Burrell said she is not familiar with Ansonia's system but to table the appointment again after hearing from the people here deprives the organization of leadership. He can't help if he doesn't hold the position. This is a dis-service to our children and to the program. Do the best common practice for Ansonia. It is before the Recreation Commission and it does the children and their families a complete dis-service to table it again.

Ms. Lynch said she has never seen a set of guidelines of who we approve or disapprove. The President of the Executive Board has elections and the officers are voted in and then as President, he comes to the Recreation Commission and submits the names and Recreation approves the Board. She said at the August Special Meeting she presented the positions to the members and everyone was approved except the Vice-President. She said in the past the Recreation Commission votes to approve the slate of officers for the Executive Board that is presented to them by the President. This is the same process for all sport programs.

Ms. DePina said she was the only one standing on the Board. She said she stayed with Mr. Maynard so the program was able to go forward until the officers were in place and he held it all together.

Mr. Sobolisky asked what is holding it up, he is working as the Vice-President.

Mr. Maynard said there are certain things that he can't do because he has no authority. He hasn't been appointed as Vice-President.

Ms. Burrell said you said you don't have people beating down the doors to volunteer and you have a person here willing to do the job. It is responsible to support this person.

Mr. Sobolisky said he agrees, he endorses him but we have to find out if it is correct to do. We have protocol and we have to make sure we are following it.

Ms. Burrell said hearing your discussion on what was done in the past it would be the best common practice to approve him.

**Mr. Cratty made a motion to close the public session at 6:27 p.m. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.**

### **Director Reports – Soccer**

No financial or monthly report received.

Ms. Lynch said that the soccer season begins this evening and Mr. Sheehy is at the field.

Ms. Rublemann asked if she could receive a soccer game schedule.

Ms. Lynch will get the schedule and forward it to her.

### **Director Reports – Baseball & Softball**

No financial or monthly report received.

Mr. Cratty said that there is one Fall Baseball team for the Majors. There are 13 girls including Derby.

### **Director Reports – Basketball**

No report.

Ms. Lynch said that the commission will have to look into the basketball program.

### **Director Reports – Football**

Mr. Keith Maynard was present.

Mr. Maynard said he will present the football report on behalf of the Board. There are 113 girls in Cheer and 206 boys in football including flag registered. The Registration fee is \$150. The 9U team registration fee is \$79. The season started on 8/30/15 and will end on 10/24/15. There

are 8 games. The Cheer Competition is 10/24/15 in Norwalk and 11/7/15 at UMASS Amherst. If they make the Nationals they will compete in Florida in December.

Mr. Maynard said that they purchased a blocking sled and dummy. The AHS sled was too advanced for them. There is fundraising going on – Tee Shirts and Yankee Candle. Yankee Candle will give back 40% to the program.

Mr. Maynard said that they need a storage building for the blocking sled and dummy. Right now they are storing it under the main Fieldhouse. They had a storage container but that was returned because of the cost. They would like to use the baseball garage for their storage as it is not being used by baseball but it is being used by PWD for storing their mowing machines. He said this building was originally built for baseball storage not PWD storage.

Ms. Lynch said she has e-mailed Mr. Novak on the garage storage and she has spoken to Mr. Coppola. Mr. Novak said they could possibly get a container for a few months during the season.

Mr. Maynard said that they would want to use it all year because the downstairs in the fieldhouse is leaking and the equipment will get ruined if it gets wet.

Ms. Lynch suggested that Mr. Maynard speak with Mr. Coppola and ask him to contact Mr. Novak regarding the storage. She said it is the beginning of September and the quickest solution would be to a storage container. She said they don't need permission to get one.

Mr. Maynard said Mr. Coppola has connections at West Point and he was able to schedule a game on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at West Point. West Point is playing Wakeforst that day and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will play Bridgeport on the West Point field after the West Point game. Ansonia has a strong bond with West Point and everyone is excited about the game. He said tickets will be available to the public for the trip and game.

**Mr. Sobolisky made a motion to accept the football monthly report and financial report. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.**

#### **Reports: Alison Rublemann, ANC Director**

Alison Rublemann was present.

The Commissioners received her monthly report.

Ms. Rublemann reviewed her report with the members present. She stated that the After School Program with the Charger Club has been funded for the next five years. B & L Engineers are the engineers that have been chosen for the parking lot. They are marking the wetlands and starting work on the parking lot.

Ms. Rublemann said that she needs the Soccer and Fall Baseball schedule for the ANC because the engineers will work around the games.

Ms. Lynch said she will contact Mr. Sheehy and Mr. DeFelice and get the schedules to her. She asked when the work will be completed.

Ms. Rublemann said she didn't know possibly by the Spring. She said they plan to address the speeding on the access road down to the field.

Mr. Rublemann also advised the Commissioners that former ANC Director Donna Lindgren broke her hip and is recovering at Bishop Wicke Center.

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

#### **Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director**

Mr. Coppola was not present.

#### **Approval of Bills**

None

#### **Correspondence**

None

#### **Executive Session**

Ms. Lynch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Ms. Lynch made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:15. There were no votes taken during Executive Session. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Chairman Smith said he will entertain a motion to vote for the position of Vice-President for AYF & C Executive Board. The position is open at this time and it was presented to endorse Keith Maynard for Vice-President.**

**Ms. Lynch moved to endorse Keith Maynard as Vice-President of AYF & C Executive Board. Mr. Sobolisky seconded. 3 Yes Votes (Lynch, Sobolisky, Smith) 1 No Vote (Cratty). The motion carried.**

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

None

**October Meeting**

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JoLynn Flaherty  
Secretary