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ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

April 5, 2016

Regular Meeting

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Michael Cratty
Jeff Devine
Anne Lynch – left 7:50 p.m.
Steve Sobolisky
Paul Velardi

Absent: Timothy O'Reilly

Others Present: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director
Alison Rublemann, ANC Director
Matt Edo, 6th Ward Alderman
Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderwoman
Richard Kaslaitis, 4th Ward Alderman
Sean Rowley, PWD

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:02 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Velardi made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2016 Special meeting with the following corrections and place them on file. Ms. Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Velardi noted the following corrections:

- Page 10, 6th paragraph. “Mr. Sobolisky said we can continue with Shoreline but a concern is if Pop Warner weight based goes to unlimited weight, the parents may not be happy. There are many questions that must be answered. He said most teams are committed to try but if it doesn’t work then what happens?”

There was discussion on the above statement. Mr. Sobolewski stated that statement is OK. No correction is necessary.

The following corrections are on page 15 of the minutes:

- “Mr. Velardi said unlimited weight is a benefit to Ansonia.” Should read:
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Public Session

Vice-Chairman Lynch advised those present that there will be a three (3) minute limit for speaking during public session.

Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderwoman
198 Wakelee Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderwoman Radin said they are in the process of completing the 2016-2017 budget. She said she has read the minutes for Recreation Commission and doesn't seem to find any financials for Recreation Commission. There is one for Little League. There should be a listing of the expenses for Recreation in the minutes. At the last Board of Aldermen meeting there was a request for \$5000 in and \$5000 out but there was no line item or what the funds were designated for. She also stated that the Recreation Director is receiving an increase in salary from \$53,221 to \$65,264 – 20% increase. There is also a new line item for \$12,000. She asked what the line item is for.

Mr. Coppola said the \$12,000 could be the Recreation line item for renting out the Armory. He said he would say that it is for the money coming in for the Armory. The \$5000 is the money coming into the City for the registration fees for basketball.

Alderwoman Radin asked where did the \$5000 go? What was it spent on?

Mr. Coppola said it was used to pay the bills for basketball.

Alderwoman Radin discussed how the money is spent and that there should be an accounting of the funds. She also raised the question of a 20% raise (\$12,000) in salary.

Mr. Coppola said that the raises were through the Union negotiations. They put the employees up in grade levels. He said the union employees were being paid \$12,000 to \$13,000 less than other people in the same positions in other towns.

Vice-Chairman Lynch stated at last month's meeting it was agreed that if the Board doesn't receive the signed Financial Statements from the Directors they will not be heard at the meeting.

Mr. Coppola stated that Finance Dept. has a rundown of all the bills that are paid for Recreation.

Alderwoman Radin stated taxpayers should know how City funds are spent. There should be a record as to how much was spent and on what it was spent.

Vice-Chairman Lynch said that all of the Directors of the Sport programs must submit a signed Financial Report to the secretary so that it can be mailed in the monthly packet to the commissioners. The report must be signed by the President and Treasurer.

Edwina Figueroa
30 N. State St.
Ansonia, CT 06401

The following is the statement read by Ms. Figueroa:

"Good evening everyone, my name is Edwina I. Figueroa and I am a football/cheer mom and I have had the pleasure of being a cheer coach for 4 years.

I was very proud this year when I stood with my oldest son and daughter while they were presented with their 3rd year jackets. It felt great.

But I stand here this evening very disappointed. Disappointed by the way the responsible parties for our leagues have been fighting with one another the last couple months.

I understand that when a person takes on a position there are procedures and protocol. But isn't it all about our young boys and girls being able to have something to be a part of. My Children are lucky, they have myself, my husband and about 50 other adults, some of the board members included, that care what happens to them. Not all the children in this city have the same thing. We as a town make it work. And no matter what the child's situation they come back year after year.

And when our children have to get stuck in the middle of the politics of the league they are not going to want to come back. If you sit in your chairs and think that our young boys and girls don't know about the name calling and finger pointing and the goings on you're wrong. Our kids are very smart and can catch on to whatever will ultimately affect them. And this definitely does.

I can say without a doubt that my 2 older children who have always enjoyed playing the game and running onto the field are thinking twice. At this point, it doesn't matter what league we are a part of for football. You talk about weight, well I have an 11 year old and he doesn't even weight 70 pounds, and he has played against boys much bigger than him, and was able to make three tackles in one game. So check that on the list. Driving too far, I have driven to Hartford, Hamden, Bridgeport, Norwalk, and some time ago New York. It doesn't matter where they are playing as long as they play. Check that off the list. Choosing between what child to watch. My daughter's cheer team isn't guaranteed for my son's football team. So you ask friends, coaches. I have left cheer competition to go see my son play his last game of the year. We make it work in this town because it's what we do.

This is a guarantee, if my children decide to play come August, my daughter will only cheer for AYC. My daughter will cheer for Amy, Megan, Colleen and of course Michelle. I will only assist for this team.

As far as football goes, just pick one. You are the board so people like me don't have to worry about the politics. Pick one and stop blaming someone else.

In closing, I have to say that my husband and I have decided to live in Ansonia because of the people and the teams. If there was no Mr. Coppola at Mead School or Brian Piccirillo who encouraged my son to get on the field again. Or Amy Butler and Megan O'Reilly who keep pushing my over dramatic daughter forward, we would have moved years ago. We stay because of the coaches, the parents and the people who care. If this doesn't get rectified soon, we may just decide to go somewhere else. Then you would have lost not only football players and a cheerleader but three baseball payers, two coaches and volunteers. How many more families do you think are thinking the same way?"

Thank you.

Elena Lafayette
8 Seymour Ave.
Seymour, CT

Ms. Lafayette said that she moved to Ansonia during a very difficult time in her life. Her daughter joined cheerleading.

Ms. Lafayette became very emotional and requested to finish later in the meeting.

Sean Rowley
Public Works Dept.

Mr. Rowley said he is here this evening begging the Recreation Commission to get a policy on the use of the fields. He said he asked Little League, softball and soccer to refrain from using the fields until the second week of April. The fields will not be game ready. It was a great winter

however the last three weeks it rained and snowed causing havoc with the fields. Little League moved their game. Soccer practiced on the field. The soccer field will not be ready for this week. He said he advised the leagues that they could not use the fields or start games until the second week in April. He said they thought they were going to get the fields lined last week. AHS opens their baseball season tomorrow and PWD is trying to get the field ready for the AHS opening game. He is asking that Recreation put in writing a policy for Spring use of the fields. He said Fall is not a problem. There are 13 baseball, softball, and soccer fields in Ansonia. It rained for one week and then the ground froze and then it defrosted and it rained and snowed and froze again making the fields unusable.

Mr. Rowley said he and Mr. Coppola met on the fields to get a price for work on the soccer fields. He is urging the Commission to reach out to the Administration because every field needs work and PWD doesn't have the money to do the work. He suggested Recreation form a committee of the commission members and public works to work on a solution for the fields. Ansonia's fields are 50 years old.

Vice-Chairman Lynch said soccer is supposed to begin this Sunday.

Mr. Rowley said he can't do four soccer fields in one day especially if it rains. It takes two days and the ground is still frozen and there is still ice. He will look at the fields tomorrow. Nolan Field has to be ready for the high school's opening day. He said he can't control the weather.

Vice-Chairman Lynch asked if Little League will start this Saturday at Colony.

There was discussion as to whether the Little League Club or the Soccer Club were allowed to bring in someone to the soccer field or the baseball field to work on them. Mr. Rowley said they had this discussion in the past. Colony has more water on the field than in the pond. Nelligan Field is flooded. The Ansonia High School field is in a wetland and never dries out. Public Works does the best they can with the fields given the condition of our fields. Our fields need a lot of work.

Mr. Coppola discussed the dates that the Soccer, Baseball and Softball will be needing to use the fields.

Mr. Rowley said they worked on the baseball field but the base lines need to be edged out – weather permitting, he doesn't know if they can get it done.

Ms. Rondon said Little League needs Colony field Saturday and Monday through Thursday. There are 8 home games at Colony.

Mr. Coppola said Soccer was pushed up.

Mr. Rowley said he told Soccer that they could not do four soccer fields in one day.

Mr. Velardi asked if it is weather or man power.

Mr. Rowley discussed the maintenance schedule that Public Works has for lining and up-keep of the fields. He said once they are laid out, they line them every week. Soccer is done every week until Summer and they stop and then they start in the Fall again.

There was discussion on the lining of the fields every week.

Mr. Velardi said Soccer's first home game is April 16th at Colony.

Mr. Rowley said he will do Colony for the game.

Discussion on the preparation of Colony Field for the Soccer games. There is a 10 week schedule and considering rain outs Soccer wants to be finished with their Spring season before the Summer. Colony Field is a priority for their games.

Mr. Rowley said he will do Colony next week, Friday if the weather is good.

Discussion on the fields and how they were lined last year. Mr. Rowley was out last year. Mr. Sheehy said now that Mr. Rowley is back, he knows the fields and how to line them. Vice-Chairman Lynch suggested that for next year they come up with the dates they will need the field and they will not start games before April 10th.

Mr. Rowley said he urges Recreation to sit down with Mr. Coppola and a committee and present a Capital Plan for all of our fields. There is a referendum for \$6 million dollars and there are no fields in the plan.

Mr. Coppola said they have to sit down with Public Works because the fields are under Public Works.

Mr. Devine said the schedules are not made by Recreation. We could request they submit the dates to Recreation.

Elena Lafayette
8 Seymour Ave.
Seymour, CT

Ms. Lafayette thanked the commission for their understanding. She said her daughter began Cheer in 2014 and it was the best thing that happened to her daughter and her family. She said she volunteers and her daughter loves Cheer. She said she moved to Seymour in August. Her daughter remained in Cheer in Ansonia. She said her daughter doesn't want to cheer for anyone other than her present coaches. She said she is disappointed in the way things are turning out. It is supposed to be what is best for the boys and girls.

Ms. Lafayette said her son played Flag football. She was the Fundraising Coordinator. She feels things can be worked out. The Cheer should stay with the AYC. Her son wants to play Flag football. If there is no Flag football she will have to put him somewhere else. She said she felt

at home in Ansonia, a community she lived in. Her daughter learned and grew so much in the Cheer program. She said things can be worked out – communication has to be open. Thank you.

Keith Maynard
8 Cook St.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Maynard asked when Babe Ruth registration will take place.

Mr. Coppola said Mr. DeFelice is making calls. He said he told him to do the registrations.

Mr. Maynard said that Babe Ruth plays later in the season.

Mr. Coppola said it will be put on the City of Ansonia web-site and it will say to call Bob DeFelice and Keith Maynard.

There was discussion on why the numbers fluctuate. Some of the reasons are travel team and a limited number of players registered.

Deviate from the Agenda – Soccer Report

Mr. Velardi made a motion to deviate from the agenda to take up Soccer Report at this time. Vice-Chairman Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Chris Sheehy was present. He thanked the commission for taking him at this time as he has to leave for another engagement.

Mr. Sheehy said they are scheduling the home games two weeks later. He understands the condition of the fields and agrees with Mr. Rowley.

Mr. Rowley said he will try to do Colony field for Saturday and he will let Jeff Coppola know. Mr. Coppola will contact Mr. Sheehy to let him know if the field has been done.

Mr. Sheehy said there are no equipment issues. They planned to begin the first week of April but were delayed because of the weather. The teams have been practicing on the fields and in the Armory. The U-14 Girls Travel team only has 7 girls. Last year they combined with Seymour. They need 14 to 15 girls to field a team. They reached out to other clubs to get a team together but had no luck. There are 71 in Division 1 (age 6 and under) spread across 6 teams.

Mr. Sheehy said with the help of Mr. Velardi they have monthly Soccer Board meetings so the parents can participate and voice any concerns and the group can be more transparent. He said he included an invoice for CJSA for \$754 that must be paid.

Mr. Sheehy said they have implemented a new Board:

Kevin O'Brien – President
Sal Hanaif – Vice-President
Chris Sheehy – Registrar

He said they have proposed an increase in the registration fees. For the last four years there has been no increase in fees. They have to pay the referees more money, the uniforms cost more money and they have to raise the fees to cover the expenses. The other towns fees are:

Shelton: Spring \$70 and Fall \$70
Seymour: Spring \$85 and Fall \$85
Ansonia: Spring \$65 and Fall \$65

Mr. Sheehy reviewed his report and explained the Financial report/bank account to the commissioners. The Colony Park soccer schedule is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Coppola asked who was named Treasurer.

Mr. Sheehy said he is looking to fill the position but until it is filled he will report the financials.

Mr. Sheehy introduced Kevin O'Brien as the new President. He said he is not asking the Commission to vote this evening he is just introducing Mr. O'Brien. He will send something in writing with the names of the new officers.

Mr. Coppola said the U12 and U14 roster is large. He asked if that will be an issue.

Mr. Sheehy said it is an issue. It puts stress on the coaches. We have no fields. We have to put them into squads and make sure everyone gets playing time. We don't want parents to go to a game and their child only plays 5 minutes.

Mr. Velardi said everyone will get adequate playing time on the Travel Teams. There will be groups/squads of players so that everyone will have an opportunity to play. This is the best they can do. Next season they will look into taking the over flow and creating a co-ed team (U14 boys mixed with U14 girls).

Mr. Sheehy will submit a letter for next month on the new officers.

Reports: Alison Rublemann, ANC Director

Alison Rublemann was present.

The Commissioners received her monthly report. (copy on file in the Town Clerk's office)

Ms. Rublemann reviewed the Monthly Report for March 2016 with the Commission. She said she had to reinforce the ANC Park's rules and regulations regarding Drones. It is illegal to fly Drones in the park. She said there has been illegal dumping at the park. If anyone sees dumping

they should call the Police. She said she has been meeting with Thule regarding the mountain bike trails. There is no parking at the Pavilion. The ANC has been selected for the Audubon Forest Bird Habitat assessment. They will help the ANC manage the property and help get grants for pond dredging.

Ms. Rublemann and Alderman Edo will meet regarding the memorial bench at the soccer field and the memorial tree. The dedication will be done on April 30, 2016.

Ms. Rublemann said the ANC is turning away children for the nature classes. They are looking to create self-guided Kiosks for the larger groups. She said she met with Kevin Cegelka, PWD regarding some of the Maple and Ash trees at the ANC. They called in Wise Choice Tree Service to treat the trees.

Ms. Rublemann said the Earth Day celebration will be held on April 30, 2016. There is no problem with the Soccer group. Soccer has cleared Sat. April 30th of all games. They will use the field on May 1, 2016.

Discussion on the signs for the Dogs. There is an ordinance that has been passed. The signs will be put up once they are received. Alderman Edo said the sign comes from the Police Dept. and Public Works installs them. Mr. Coppola will speak with Chief Hale regarding the dog signs for the ANC. Alderman Edo said Chief Hale said last month that the signs were being made. Alderman Edo said if there is a dog at the ANC call the Police Dept. because there is an ordinance.

Mr. Sobolewski moved to accept the Nature Center report as presented. Mr. Devine seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports: Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director

Mr. Coppola was present.

The Commissioners received his monthly report. (copy on file in the Town Clerk's office)

Mr. Coppola reviewed his report with the Commission. Mr. Coppola said the Armory will be closed to all activities for the Presidential Primary on April 25, 26 and 27. He will move the Corporate Cup activities that are scheduled for those dates. The Mission Give Back is scheduled for May 21st at Nolan Field. Soccer will begin this weekend.

Mr. Coppola said the decision was made to join Southern CT Pop Warner for the football program. This will not affect the Cheer group. Little League opening Ceremony will be at Nolan Field on April 16th. He said he will be discussing practice times and fields. He may open up Pine Lot. Dave Connolly will be at Colony Pond on April 9th and April 21st. He will meet with Steve Sobolewski and Dave Connolly regarding the bench dedication for Bill Stokes.

Mr. Coppola said there will be a trip on Sept. 4th for the Washington vs. Mets game and he is working on a trip to a Yankee vs Red Sox game July 15, 16, 17, 2016. He said the problem is purchasing the tickets ahead of time and then having to sell them. If you don't sell all of them the City has to pay for them anyway. He would like to run a trip every month but purchasing tickets before they are sold could be costly.

Mr. Velardi asked Mr. Coppola if he could include a financial statement of Recreation income and expenses in with his report every month?

Mr. Coppola said there is no problem doing that. He will go line item by line item. He said last month's bills are paid.

Mr. Velardi asked if there is a bank account?

Mr. Coppola said no. There is a print out of every line item that he will use to make a spread sheet.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to have the Recreation Director include a Financial Statement with his report every month going forward. Vice-Chairman Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was discussion on Recreation line items as part of the City of Ansonia budget process.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to accept Mr. Coppola's report as presented. Vice-Chairman Lynch seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Director Reports – Soccer

The Soccer report was done earlier in the meeting.

Director Reports – Baseball & Softball

Colleen Rondon, President of the Little League Executive Board was present.

Ms. Rondon said she gave her report to the Commission. There are 15 baseball teams. She advised Mr. Coppola that they went to Blanchette's for equipment. He will be receiving the invoice. They also ordered additional padding for the new wall at Nolan Field. The Parent's Club meeting was cancelled last night due to the weather. She said there are some fundraisers coming up.

Mr. Velardi asked if there is an issue going forward to delay the games at Colony Field.

Ms. Rondon said baseball can't schedule games before April 15th so there is no problem. She said no games begin before April 15th.

Mr. Sobolewski made a motion to accept the baseball/softball report as presented. Mr. Cratty seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Velardi reminded everyone that the Financial Statements submitted to the Recreation Commission by the Parents Organizations must be signed by the President and the Treasurer.

Director Reports – Basketball

None

Director Reports – Football

Mr. Jeff Coppola explained to the commissioners the status of the football program. He said last month the commission voted for Shoreline. At the Shoreline meeting Ansonia was not accepted into their league. Ansonia petitioned So. CT Pop Warner. So. CT Pop Warner was Ansonia's second choice. They accepted Ansonia. This decision does not affect the current Cheer Board. The Cheer program will be the same as last year.

Mr. Velardi asked if the football program will be set up separately from the Cheer?

Mr. Coppola said football must offer Cheer because it is the only way So. CT Pop Warner would accept Ansonia into their league. They will offer cheer to the youngest group, ages 5, 6, 7 and 8 year olds in a non-compete program. He said an e-mail was sent to So. CT Pop Warner stating that Ansonia accepts their invitation to join So. CT Pop Warner and will offer cheer.

There was discussion on the separation of the football program and the cheer program and if this would pose a problem with two separate programs. Vice-Chairman Lynch stated that Ansonia was not accepted by Shoreline and the motion was to join So. CT Pop Warner if Shoreline didn't accept us. She said they are trying to keep football and cheer as happy as they can. This will not hurt the numbers on the cheer side and Recreation had to do something for the boys. Mr. Sobolewski said he would like to have them at some point together again. Everyone is getting their season this year. Mr. Coppola said they can re-visit it every year however Recreation had a deadline and this was the least amount of stress on the program.

Vice-Chairman Lynch said Mr. Coppola will need to approve the Flyer for Registration after it is prepared and before it is sent out to the schools and put on the website. She said the Flyer should be reviewed by Mr. Coppola, Mr. Sobolewski and herself.

There was discussion on clarification of the two programs. The Cheer is with AYC and the Football is with So. CT Pop Warner. The Commission wants to be sure that the most accurate information is communicated to the parents.

Mr. Coppola discussed the 5, 6, 7 and 8 year old program for So. CT Pop Warner. The football program is offering cheer for this age group. They do compete at that age but at this time the So. CT Pop Warner Football Board doesn't offer competition.

Ms. Colleen Kiley said hopefully the cheer groups will cheer on the side lines for the football home games.

Mr. Keith Maynard and Mr. Brian Piccirillo were present.

Mr. Maynard stated they were waiting for the decision as to which league the football program would participate. They would like to move forward with registration and Flyers. There is a Pop Warner meeting April 6th and they will gain access to the website and have a line on the registration process. The Executive Board is working on getting the Tax ID number and the paperwork for the 501.

Mr. Piccirillo said he is not sure about the 501 and the Tax ID number paperwork so he is going to the office to get the information he needs. He said he spoke with Mr. Marini and some BOAT members regarding the use of the current TIN number. He would like to be able to use the current TIN number until the new Football Executive Board receives their own number.

Mr. Sobolewski said that they are now two different organizations under the same TIN. They have split and the Cheer group has their own number and their own account.

Vice-Chairman Lynch suggested that the Football group get their own TIN number and their own account separate from the Cheer. They have to retire the old TIN number that was used for the AYF Football and Cheer board and split the bank account funds.

There was discussion on the above and on the Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State. The time frame for this is three to five weeks with a cost of \$150. Mr. Piccirillo said he spoke with Mr. Marini regarding the delay for receiving the TIN number and Mr. Marini said to use the old number until they receive the new number so they could move forward with the registration and fees.

Vice-Chairman Lynch said that Mr. Coppola, Mr. Sobolewski, Mr. Maynard and Mr. Piccirillo should meet with Mr. Marini to discuss this and come up with a solution. Mr. Coppola will reach out to Mr. Marini and the Football Board and double check with using the old account numbers.

Mr. Piccirillo said there will be football clinics on Fridays at the Ansonia Middle School. There are about 25 to 30 children attending. They will try to use the outside field at Pine Lot on Wednesdays and Fridays depending on the numbers. The event is open to everybody.

Mr. Sobolewski asked what insurance is covering these activities.

Mr. Piccirillo said he didn't know. Last year it was under the AYF insurance. Technically they are still covered under the AYF policy until June 2016.

Mr. Piccirillo stated the registration fees will stay the same this year.

Mr. Sobolewski said they will get the equipment out earlier this year.

Mr. Sobolewski made a motion to accept the Football report as presented by Mr. Maynard and Mr. Piccirillo. Mr. Cratty seconded.

Mr. Velardi asked if there was a Financial Statement from the Football Board?

Mr. Maynard said they do not have a Financial Statement this month. They do not have an account open as yet.

Mr. Velardi asked if they are still sharing a bank account with Cheer?

Ms. Dolores Basuljevic, Cheer Treasurer stated the Football program does not have their own account as yet. They will begin registration when they have their own account. The Cheer bank account will be ready next week.

Mr. Brad Zealor said the AYP&C account was supposed to be dissolved.

Mr. Coppola said that when it is dissolved the bank account will be split 50/50 between the Cheer and the Football programs. He asked Ms. Basuljevic if the City Stitches invoice has been paid.

Ms. Basuljevic said that she has paid the City Stitches invoice from last month.

Mr. Coppola discussed depositing funds into the City of Ansonia line item and then writing checks against the line item to pay any invoices. He said he will speak with Mr. Richard Bshara, Acting Comptroller. The balance in the account is \$3783 that is to be split between the two programs.

There was discussion on using the City of Ansonia line items to pay invoices and deposit funds until the bank accounts for the two separate Football and Cheer programs are set up.

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

Director Reports – Cheer

Dolores Basuljevic was present.

Ms. Basuljevic gave everyone a copy of the Cheer/Football Financial Statement. The copy was signed. She said she will close the AYP&C account once everything is separated and the funds are separate in the Cheer account and a check is given to the Football Board.

Mr. Zealor asked if Recreation is approving the interim Boards so that they can hold meetings.

Chairman Smith advised Mr. Zealor to present the slate of officers to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Zealor said they have their officers for the Executive Board. He said he is looking for feedback from the Recreation Commission on the officers that were voted in by the parents.

Mr. Coppola said that at one time Recreation wasn't going to approve the Boards. He asked the Commission what they wanted to do.

Mr. Velardi made a motion to allow the Football and Cheer to operate with the proposed Boards on an interim basis. Mr. Cratty seconded.

Mr. Devine asked what interim means.

There was discussion on the above. Mr. Coppola asked that it be put on the agenda for next month.

Chairman Smith called for a vote. All were in favor, so carried.

Colleen Kiley asked if Cheer can hold their registration. She said they will remove the football information from their registration.

There was discussion on Cheer holding their registration. Mr. Zealor said he will print the roster for Ms. Kiley.

Approval of Bills

Mr. Coppola presented the following bill for payment:

1. CT Junior Soccer Association Inv. C0007181: \$754.00

Mr. Cratty made a motion to pay the bill presented. Mr. Velardi seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

None

Executive Session

None

Any other business to come before the commission

Mr. Devine asked if the Recreation Commission has any say as to the Recreation Director's Salary?

Mr. Coppola said the Recreation Director's position is a Union position.

Chairman Smith asked three (3) times if there was any other business to come before the Commission. There was none.

May Meeting

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Mr. Cratty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Sobolewski seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary