

## Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission October 18, 2010

Present: Mike Cormier, Levi Newsome, Gary Falkenthal, Nick Kaplanis  
Not in attendance: Jackie Dinardo, Charlie Williams, Zackery Rapp, Frank Callace

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm  
Minutes from last meeting read, motion by Levi Newsome to accept, seconded by Mike Cormier

### Updates

- 2010/2011 department budget has been approved. It was reduced by \$7,000.00 from last year's budget.
- The Recreation Department's Summer Movie Nights was a huge success. We had over 1200 people that attended over the four movie showings. Total donations were \$4500.00. No City funds were used to run the program.
- Danbury Pop Warner issues remain unresolved. We will attempt one more time to sit down with both memberships to see if there is any possibility to merge the two organizations.
- David Snook was awarded Candlewood concession lease in early May. He decided that he would not go forward with the proposal and backed out last minute. Due to short time frame we offered the previous lessee, Debra Negri, the option to renew for one year. She agreed to extend her last contract at 09 rental rate of \$400.00 per month. To date, we have only received \$400.00. She has not paid the remaining balance and it may get turned over to collection.
- Summer programs went very well once again with approximately 650 participants. Through a grant from Stew Leonards and The Red Cross, City residents were given a \$25.00 discount for each child enrolled in our swim program. The donation totaled \$4375.00
- There is still one position that needs to be filled for the Parks & Recreation Commission. In addition, Nick will contact the new AD at Danbury High School to replace Dan Donovan who has left the position.
- We are looking to the Highway and Parks departments to install some outdoor basketball hoops around the City where needed.
- Parks department installed baseball infields at Stadley Rough and Pembroke Schools. This will expand scheduling opportunities for Danbury Youth Baseball League. Hoping to get some field improvements at King Street School in spring of 2011.
- We continue to execute our plan for Canadian Geese control. The USDA has submitted a proposal for continued service in Danbury. The amount is quite high and we may try to negotiate a better price.
- Abbott Tech will build us new life guard chairs and repair some picnic tables for the department. Nick has also asked about the possibility of using their baseball field during the summer months.
- Renovations and repairs are scheduled to take place at Hatter's Pavilion and the bowling alley.
- Have made a request to repair the parking lot at Hatter's Park. There are huge pot holes that exist and need attention before the winter arrives.

### Old Business

### New Business

No old or new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Submitted by Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation

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