

## Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission

January 13, 2008

Present: Levi Newsome, Gary Falkenthal, Zackary Rapp, Charlie Williams, Bob Gentry, Frank Callace, Nick Kaplanis

Not in attendance: Chip Salvestrini, Jackie Dinardo

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Minutes from previous meeting accepted, by Levi, seconded by Zak.

Group was brought up to date regarding ongoing projects and activities within the Recreation Dept.

### Old Business

- TOPS Soccer program was a tremendous success with both a spring and fall session. I have asked the Mayor's Office to recognize Lauren Ziegler and Victoria Ceylan for their efforts in organizing and running the program.
- Pioneering Healthier Living group now called Coalition for Healthier Kids continues to meet. We have redefined our mission within the community and expect to target local agencies through focus groups to determine the best ways to work with parents and children regarding proper exercise and nutrition.
- Nutmeg Games 2009, August 1-9. Planning is under way; we are looking for ways to improve in some areas.
- Department Budget and Capital Budgets submitted.
- Hatters Hall bid proposal has not progressed, we may have to go back out to bid
- Jump for Joy music program for children ages 2-5. Plan to offer program again for summer/fall sessions in 2009.
- Mommy and Me at the PAL Building continues to grow, to date over 150 families are enrolled.
- We did not win the New Friday Night Lights contest. Lincoln RI is the recipient of a new set of lights for their complex.
- Summer programs will have a modest fee increase to cover cost of breakfast and lunch.
- Work on new turf field at Rogers Park began in late fall. Expect to begin work when weather permits.
- B. Guerrero feels things have improved financially with the addition of Mommy and Me and their summer camp. War Memorial is renting gym to the Ecuadorians for volleyball. This could increase revenues by as much as \$20,000

### New Business

I was asked if there are formal meetings of area Park & Recreation Directors. We have not met as a group but I do speak to many of the directors throughout the year when information is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Submitted by Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation

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