

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission
October 14, 2009

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

We did not have a quorum at our last meeting.

Those in attendance were brought up to date regarding ongoing projects and activities within the Recreation Dept.

Updates

- Coalition for Healthier Kids continues to meet. They are in the process of evaluating all of the data collected, distributing information to local agencies and determining the next step for the group.
- Second year of Nutmeg Games were successful once again. Overall participation was down primarily because of teams not willing to travel across the state to come to Danbury. We will not exercise our option for a third year. New Britain will host next year.
- The process for Capital Budgets has begun. No money was appropriated last year for any projects and it doesn't look promising for next year. Finance director is suggesting finding creative ways to generate revenue to offset costs of various projects. Two new requests will be for replacement or repair of lake floats and tennis court repairs at Rogers Park.
- Discussion regarding having free movie nights at Candlewood Lake next summer. There is a cost associated with running such a program \$3500 to \$4000. We will solicit corporate sponsorship to defray the costs
- Jump for Joy music program continues to operate during the summer months under Park and Rec.
- John Perry Field and Dick Raymond Fields both officially opened. Dedication ceremonies were held in August.
- Summer programs were well attended with 450 students enrolled. The major complaint was the quality of the lunches provided. The school lunch people are looking into going back to a more traditional lunch offering for next year. Over 200 children participated in Red Cross Swim lessons.

New Business

Candlewood Concession lease expired at end of summer season. It has gone out for bid for next season. Friday night lights contest no longer exists.

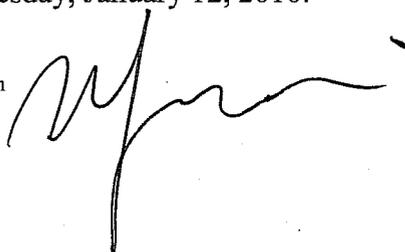
The need to improve outdoor basketball hoops was discussed. There is a definite shortage of outdoors hoops suitable for play.

Suggestion made to look at the feasibility of selling parking permits to allow patrons to park at Rogers Park. If this could be put into place a substantial amount of revenue could be generated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Submitted by Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation



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