

Board of Recreation

Unapproved Minutes

January 12, 2012

The Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by Mike Palmerie, Jr. and seconded by D. Accetura @ 7:05 P.M. Unanimous

Members Present: Mike Palmerie, Jr., Dean Accetura, Lori Stenson Larry Fitzgerald and Mary Witham

Members Absent: Mary Gluck & Joanne Kenney

Also Present: Chris Moffo, Director of Prospect Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by M. Witham to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011. Motion seconded by L. Fitzgerald. Unanimous

Guest/Public Participation: None

Correspondence / Payment of Bills:

C. Moffo reviewed the bills received. Discussion. **Motion made by M. Witham to pay bills received. Motion seconded by D. Accetura. Unanimous.** Payment of the bills was approved. C. Moffo reviewed the bills paid.

Director's Report:

C. Moffo reviewed the Director's Report.

Programs:

Swim Programs:

Levels 1 & 2 will be ending this weekend. The next session will begin in February with an additional Level 1 class to be offered. The next swim session will be during the week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

A Lifeguard Certification Course will be offered by the swim instructor, Kerry Stead, once she is up to date with the new program. The course that was scheduled for January was cancelled due to lack of interest.

A Senior open swim for 55+ for residents in Prospect & Beacon Falls will be held on Saturdays beginning in February from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with a charge of \$5.00 for

a 9 week course. The Senior Center will be offering a bus for those that want to participate.

Basketball:

'In working with Woodland Regional High School, we are able to offer free youth entry fees into High School Games this year. On January 20th and 30th, we will have two of our elementary boys' teams playing at half time during the boys games. Hopefully, this will generate more interest into future basketball games.'

'One of the coaches from the 4th and 5th Grade Girls teams was able to get his team a half time scrimmage at the Yale vs Penn game on Saturday, March 3rd.'

'Youth Basketball has over two hundred participants. Due to the low numbers in Beacon Falls, our middle school teams will be traveling to Laurel Ledge twice a week.'

Travel Basketball has gained more interest: there are two boys teams registered in Derby and one girl's team playing in the Southern Regional Basketball League.

The High School team has six teams that began on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

The Men's Basketball League began last Friday. There are twelve teams competing. Due to the increase of one team, the department may need to add funds to this program to complete the season.

The Men's Open Gym is operating more smoothly due to a new hall monitor. The monitor collects admission and checks IDs. There are over 20 participants; all are Prospect residents. C. Moffo asked the Board to increase the adult hall monitor wage by two dollars. Motion made by L. Fitzgerald to increase the wage to \$10.00 for the Men's Open Gym's hall monitor. Motion seconded by M. Witham. Unanimous.

'The Shelton Boys and Girls Club have contacted us to enter a team in their Men's Basketball Tournament. The Tournament entry fee is \$100.00 per team and be played in February at the Club.' C. Moffo asked the Board if there would be a problem if the Department paid the entrance fee of \$100.00. Board members stated there would not be a problem and if any other team wanted to enter, that team would pay for their own entry fee.

We have expanded our Fencing Program to accommodate a younger participant this year. We will now be offering the Fencing Program to children ages 7 to 10 years old. The classes will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday evenings. On Saturday, we will be holding another multi club tournament at Long River Middle School. Surrounding Town Fencing clubs are invited to participate in this round robin event.

Ms. Kim Savino from the Webster Bank Arena contacted the Park & Rec Department

To offer event tickets at a discounted rate. In February, the Department will be offering discounted tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters. The event will take place on Saturday, February 10th. The tickets are normally \$31.25 per person; the discount will be for residents \$24.00 per person.

Three different art classes will be offered for the month of February; Pat Vlamis will be offering Art for Pre-Schoolers as well as Paint Draw & More will be offering youth and adult classes.

Ms. Mariana Martin will be offering Arts and Crafts for ages 3.5 to 5 and 6 to 8. Other programs to be offered: Scrapbooking for ages 9 and older and for teens and adults, Native American Beading. The programs are set to begin at the end of the month on Mondays and Saturday mornings.

Jump Bunch will begin on Monday January 23rd.

Ms. Cynthia Lucas contacted the Department to offer a Yoga program. Ms. Lucas taught the Adult Ed program for the past 5 years. The cost of the program will be \$10.00 per class and will be held on Monday evenings.

Miscellaneous:

C. Moffo commented on the vandalism of the Ice Skating Ring. C. Moffo advised the rink had been driven on causing the ice to break and refreeze which could become a hazard. The Board discussed ways to deter vehicles from being driven on the rink.

C. Moffo advised the irrigation project for the baseball field had been put on hold until the spring. The infield was completed; the outfield remains to be done.

C. Moffo advised Rustic Fence had given a price for fencing in a portion of the playground at Canfield Park. A standard 4 ft. high chain link fence 32'x128'x32' would cost the Department approximately \$2,899.20; for commercial grade aluminum would be \$5,155.55. Board members discussed the area to be fenced; three side or enclose the entire area of the playground.

M.E.O'Brien & Sons were contacted for replacement panels for picnic tables and benches at the Skate Park; cost per panel would be \$73.00 and for an edge panel the cost would be \$112.00 per panel. The entire table replacement would be \$1,875.00. Discussion.

Sterling Security Systems had provided the Department with a quote for improving the surveillance cameras at Hotchkiss Field. The cost to replace all cameras with vandal proof cameras and to install a license plate camera to be located at the entrance of the park would be \$11,500; including installation. All cameras would be internet accessible.

C. Moffo also reminded the Board that the Mayor had issued a budget notice for Friday, February 10th.

Old Business:

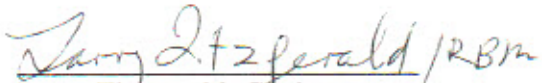
Skate Park
Hotchkiss Field
Security Cameras

New Business:

Budget

Adjournment:

Motion made by M. Witham to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by
M. Palmerie, Jr. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 P.M.


Larry Fitzgerald, Chairman


Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk