

Minutes

Park and Recreation Commission

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, February 9, 2004 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

By roll call, members present: John Walsh, Al Felice, Matt Cripps and Robert Bell. David Mikos, I and Edward Handi were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Athletic Director Kenneth Marcucci

Aditions or deletions to the agenda:

Without objection, the agenda was accepted as written.

approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Al Felice and second by Matt Cripps. Move to accept the minutes of the me January 12, 2004, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Public portion:

No one was present and public portion was closed.

Correspondences:

Nothing was presented.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell reported that the youth basketball leagues are going well and will be wrapping up by the end of February.

Little League registration is underway and the league is exploring regional play with the adjoining town of Ansonia last year and it went well. This would expand the teams opportunities to play against other teams within the Derby league. The Ruth league has been meeting and anticipates having teams for ages 13-15 with regional play for the next year.

Youth Soccer league registration is underway.

As reported last month Shelton has received approval to lease the State land for the skate park. The Commission's representative attended the Neighborhood Committee to update them on the park and to coordinate the legalities of this joint venture with Shelton. Shelton is anxious to expedite the process.

The budget is going well. Mr. O'Connell was watching the maintenance and supplies line items. The Derby Veteran's Community Center was replaced.

Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Marcucio was not present.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee – The Committee will be meeting to begin drafting the 2004-2005 budget. They are aware of the restructuring of the Public Works department and they anticipate that the changes will affect the Parks Department.

Programs Committee – Nothing was reported.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Felice and City Engineer Michael Joyce met with the Neighborhood Committee to outline all of the things that have to occur as per stipulations and/or requirements to the regulatory move forward with the soccer fields. The Building Committee is working on the entrance detail for the new building as per the Planning & Zoning Commission stipulation. The design will not be as grand as the original design.

the lights will not be installed at the time of construction due to the vandalism that is occurring at t details of the turf management plan are being discussed. The Derby Inland Wetlands Agency requi testing and the Board of Apportionment and Taxation will be approached for funding. The testing once the reservoirs melt. The Board of Alderman will be voting on awarding the contract this week begin prior to finalizing the turf management plan and the entrance detail as these items deal with the end of construction. The recommendation is to begin work as soon as possible to begin removal while the ground is still frozen resulting in less disturbance of the soil. Soil and erosion control mea put in place prior to any work commencing. The litigation is still pending.

There was nothing further to report on the Greenway but it is hopeful that construction will begin

A motion was made by Robert Bell and second by Al Felice. Move to adjourn this meeting at 7:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

The next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers are unavailable then the Veteran's room will be requested.

**Respectfully prepared,
Karen Kemmesies, secretary**

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