

# *Park and Recreation Commission*

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## **Minutes**

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, November 10, 2014 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Ronald Sill, John Monahan and James Benanto. Beverly Moran and Frank Rubino were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Newly appointed Athletic Director Martin Pascale was excused.

### **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Ron Sill and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made John Monahan and second by James Benanto. Move to accept the minutes of September 8, 2014, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

(Note: The October meeting was cancelled.)

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

No one came forward.

### **CORRESPONDENCES:**

Nothing was presented.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Director's Report:** Mr. O'Connell reported that Pop Warner football is wrapping up. There were two teams in the play-offs. Two and likely three cheerleading squads will be going to the finals in Florida. The season went very well.

Registration for basketball is underway. The Girl's teams will be playing in a travel program with Ansonia and will play teams in the Greater New Haven area. The Boy's Jr. League will be playing at Irving, Bradley, the Middle School and the Derby Veteran's Community Center against teams from the Ansonia League. St Mary's School is also fielding basketball teams and Mr. O'Connell will be working with them to schedule time in the afternoons for practice in the Derby Veteran's Community Center and games on Friday at Irving School.

Mr. O'Connell reported that there was significant damage done to the soccer fields at Witek Park. Someone using a quad tore up the upper field. He is pursuing the matter with the police, the insurance carrier and the maintenance crew for the field.

**High School Athletic Director's Report:** Mr. Pascale submitted a written report.

#### October Report:

Derby High School hosted its first home game vs. Crosby High School – the field emergency lights were completed for the event.

Witek Park has an issue with a sprinkler pipe; this was addressed immediately by Mr. O'Connell and also the Public Works department.

Derby High School successfully hosted a cross-country meet for the first time in several years; plans will be made to utilize Osbornedale Park next year.

November Report:

The soccer season for all schools has concluded. A special thanks to everyone for keeping the fields in good condition.

Locks for all gates to Ryan field have been changed. At this time, the only keys that have been distributed are to Coach French, Tony DelPrete (Booster Club), Principal Gaillard and Mr. Pascale.

We have several home games remaining at Ryan Field and on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, the game against woodland High School will be televised on CPTV.

Mr. O'Connell noted that the Superintendent's office is pursuing grant funding for the installation of a turf football field and new field house. Mr. O'Connell will keep the Commission informed.

**NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Benanto noticed that the American flag at the football field was flying without the proper illumination. Mr. O'Connell will research whether the lights needed to be serviced.

Motion by Ron Sill and second by John Monahan. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

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*These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*