



TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of October 16, 2006
7:30 p.m.
North Branford Community Center

MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Victor Palma at 7:40 p.m.

2) **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Victor Palma, Ronald Bergmark and Marie Diamond.

Also present were the following individuals:

Pam Gery, Recreation Director; Keith Manceri, Youth Football; John Kaczor, Baseball; Lou Paternoster, Youth Soccer and Youth Basketball; Chris Webster, Athletic Director; Fran Merola, Public Works Director; Michael Calabrese, Girls Softball; Steve Celone, Girls Softball; Harry Dulak, Youth Soccer; Stephen Saunders, Youth Basketball; Don Winnicki, Men's Soccer; Andy Soliwoda, Baseball; and Councilor Joanne Wentworth.

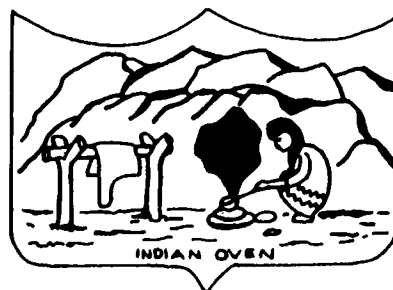
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Joiner and Brian Lynch. Also absent was Michael Doody, Town Council Liaison

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Due to a lack of voting quorum, the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2006 and the Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2006 will be tabled to the next monthly meeting.

4) **TOWN SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS:**

A lengthy discussion was held with all members of the sports organizations present and the Public Works Director regarding taking a field off line to "rest" it due to the overuse and conditions of the fields. This discussion also included how to determine



when a practice or a game should be canceled due to rain. Pam Gery stated that it does not appear that the Mill Road field will be ready in 2007. Various individuals reported how their leagues determine whether or not to cancel a practice or a game, and gave their input and concerns about shutting down a field, and which fields could be taken off line. Fran Merola stated that a field should be shut down for fall, winter and spring; and have work performed on it at the end of August 2007. This means losing a field for a year. Pam Gery will obtain a quote for well drilling at Northford Park. With regard to the rain policy, it was suggested that each sports organization appoint and designate a person in the league to make the decision to cancel practices and/or games. The following persons will be the decision-makers:

- Keith Manceri - Youth Football
- Lou Paternoster - Youth Soccer
- Don Winnicki - Men's Soccer
- Steve Celone - Girl's Softball
- John Kaczor - Baseball
- Someone will be designated for Women's Soccer

Pam Gery then stated to the sports leagues representatives that she will be sending out letters requesting their "wish lists", and with their responses back they should include what field they feel they would like taken off line. She also suggested that the leagues think about creating a "bank account" to which they all contribute money to. Lastly, she advised the representatives that all improvements to all fields need to be addressed to this Commission for approval, as the Town owns the fields.

5) **PARKS AND FIELDS:**

The discussion held under Town Sports Organizations is incorporated into this Parks and Fields line item. In addition, Pam Gery advised the members that she has placed a call and left a message with Dalton's regarding an estimate for the repair to the tennis and basketball courts. She has not yet heard back from them.

6) **PROGRAM REVIEW:**

Pam Gery reported that flu shots will be given to residents free of charge at the Community Center on October 19, 2006.

7) **MONTHLY UPDATE OF NEW PROPERTY PROJECTS:**

Pam Gery stated that she would obtain information from Town Manager Karl Kilduff and update the Commission at its next monthly meeting.

8) **BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Pam Gery stated there was nothing to report on at tonight's meeting.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business to report on.

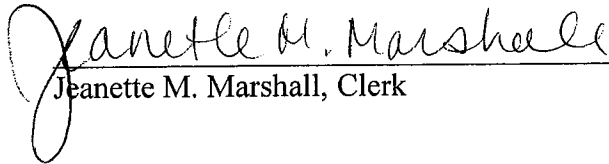
10) **PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 20, 2006. The Agenda will remain the same. Ronald Bergmark noted that he will be unable to be in attendance at this meeting.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Marie Diamond made a Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Ronald Bergmark. All were in favor; none opposed, and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted By


Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk