



TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of February 26, 2007
7:30 p.m.
North Branford Community Center

MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Randy Joiner at 7:34 p.m.

- 2) **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Bergmark, Randy Joiner and Marie Diamond.
Also present were Pam Gery, Director; and Town Manager Karl Kilduff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Victor Palma and Brian Lynch. Also absent was Councilor Michael Doody

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Due to a lack of voting quorum, the approval of the Minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting and the Minutes of the December 18, 2006 meeting was tabled to the next monthly meeting.

Ronald Bergmark made a Motion, seconded by Marie Diamond, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 22, 2007. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

4) **TOWN SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS:**

Pam Gery reported that she is contacting the sports leagues in an effort to have them become involved and sponsor some of the events for the Baked Potato Festival in August. She stated that the budget for custodial fees for basketball was cut from \$15,000 to \$12,500. The Town Council would have to be approached to increase it back, or the basketball league will have to be asked to cover the expenses over the \$12,500. It was suggested that only games, not practices, should be held on the weekends, when the custodial fees are at their highest; and travel teams should not be included with the recreation teams.



5) **PARKS AND FIELDS:**

A discussion was held regarding the drilling for water at Northford Park. Town Manager Karl Kilduff stated that there is questionable public benefit in spending \$10,000 to drill for water, and if it is found, there are no more monies available for pumps or any tanks to store the water in, if needed. There is no tangible benefit in just drilling, in that that in itself will not accomplish irrigation. He stated that the DiLungo property has multi-use fields and has a nearer term benefit. The Town Council could be approached with a request to reprogram the monies from the Northford Park field to the DiLungo property. Ronald Bergmark requested that Mr. Kilduff ask the Regional Water Authority if we could draw off of their water, as was done before. Mr. Kilduff will do so at his next meeting with the RWA.

6) **PROGRAM REVIEW:**

Pam Gery reported the following: The summer concert dates have been switched from Friday evenings to Thursday evenings this year. The Program Brochure will be mailed out in the first week of March. She stated that she held a "February Vacation Camp" for the first time this year, and it went very well. Twenty children participated in the indoor camp which was run by two college graduates. She is contemplating running it again at the April vacation time with a tent for outdoor use, also. Lastly, the three wireless internet stations have been set up by Paul Proto on the computers donated by he and the CuraGen Corporation.

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

Town Manager Karl Kilduff distributed (1) Site Assessment and Master Plan, Dated March 10, 2006, Regarding Swajchuk and Hyland Parks Overall Project Phasing including Opinion of Probable Costs, and (2) North Branford Route 80 Corridor, Dated November 2006, including "Option 1A" and "Second Funding." A discussion was held regarding the new property projects. He stated that he put in a request to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro on this date regarding a federal earmark (with a request of \$1 Million.) He has also contacted the International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers, who has a large membership in North Branford, for volunteer labor which would be in addition to the Public Works contractors. Ronald Bergmark questioned the status of the \$400,000+ monies that were to be available when the Town acquired properties. Mr. Kilduff was unfamiliar with the existence of those monies, and will check with Finance Director Anthony Esposito and be back in contact with Pam Gery with any information. With regard to funding, he stated a STEEP grant is available, but the grant generally leans more toward economic development, not community development. There may be an opportunity for corporate grants and/or corporate sponsorships.

8) **BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Pam Gery will provide a copy of the proposed Budget to the Commission members at the next monthly meeting of March 19, 2007.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business to report on.

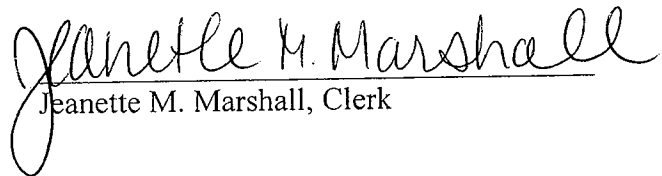
10) **PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 19, 2007.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Marie Diamond made a Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 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