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Parks and Recreation Commission

North Branford Community Center

January 11, 2010

Minutes

Roll Call:

Present: Ronald Bergmark, Anthony Fiorillo and Victor Palma

Absent: Brian Lynch and Anthony Perrelli .

Others Present: Pam Gery, Director and Lauren

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Ron Bergmark, acting-chairman.

The November and December Minutes could not be approved due to absence of eligible voting members. Discussion concerning policy for the use of Town recreational facilities and creation of a Hall of Fame was also tabled.

Pam plans to invite all of the sports organizations to attend a meeting to discuss policy and obtain their 'wish' list for the coming season, although the Town is looking for no capital improvements this year so it is doubtful that much will come of any wishes in the foreseeable future. There are a few things such as repairs to the tennis and basketball courts at NBIS and the Northford Park that require regular maintenance due to persistent cracks. Her new proposed budget will be basically the same as last years.

In spite of the good presentation by Brian Lynch at the recent Town Council meeting concerning the much needed secretary, their decision is still pending and is yet to be reconciled. Any action will be delayed until after Budget Hearings are held, so it will be April at the earliest. The planned programs must be advertized in the spring booklet and must be put to press soon. This includes plans for the Potato and Corn Festival. Any programs that are too demanding or time consuming for the staff will have to be cancelled after the fact. So far no budget hearing dates have been announced.



It has been suggested that additional programs be planned for the Senior Center, however staff has found that most of the more active Seniors are involved at the Community Center. Those who attend the Senior Center tend to be more sedate and less interested in strenuous activities. They seem satisfied with lunch and conversation or occasional card playing. Lauren is looking into getting new programs in place for the next year.

On budget review, it is already known that electricity costs are going up substantially. Solar lights were discussed because they are working well for safety, however they are not sufficient for courts.

There was nothing to report on new property projects or the Community Center except that the new 5" gutters were installed to alleviate the overflow problem caused by the smaller gutters. In regards to the new Spring program brochure, Pam is looking for a new publisher to help cut costs. She is in dialogue with the Sound at present, however this poses a great deal more work for the staff. The present publisher takes care of all the details in putting the book together from start to finish.

The next meeting will be February 22, 2010 at 7:30 at the Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Leigh Bianchi

Clerk

CC: Town Clerk, Members, Town Manager, Parks and Rec Director and Council Liaison

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