

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of August 20, 2007
7:30 p.m.
North Branford Community Center

MINUTES

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting was called to order by Victor Palma at 7:38 p.m.
- 2) **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Victor Palma, Brian Lynch, Ronald Bergmark and Marie Diamond. Also present was Pam Gery, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Joiner. Also absent was Council Liaison Michael Doody.

- 3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
Brian Lynch made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2006 meeting. Ronald Bergmark seconded the Motion. Victor Palma was in favor, Marie Diamond abstained, none opposed, and the Motion was passed.

Due to a lack of voting quorum, the approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting was tabled to the next monthly meeting.

Marie Diamond made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting. Brian Lynch seconded the Motion. Victor Palma was in favor, Ronald Bergmark abstained, none opposed, and the Motion was passed.

Due to a lack of voting quorum, the approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting was tabled to the next monthly meeting.

- 4) **TOWN SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS:**
Pam Gery reported that she has been contacted by Don Morrissey and Sisto Melillo who are forming a non-profit AA League, a baseball team called "The North Branford Pirates" who want to come in next year. Games would be held during the

season at different levels, and the teams would mainly consist of North Branford and Northford children. The Commission members asked her to invite Mr. Morrissey, Mr. Melillo, and John Kaczor, President of North Branford Little League, to the next meeting of September 17, 2007 for a discussion with the Commission.

With regard to youth basketball, Ms. Gery stated that their insurance form was never faxed to her by the insurance company for the summer clinic. She contacted them again and left a message, but did not receive a response. She also stated that a women's soccer league has now formed on our fields. They are apparently going through the youth soccer for field usage. She contacted and spoke with Ed Broccoli to advise him that he needs to provide a rental fee, but he has not responded back to do so.

5) **PARKS AND FIELDS:**

As a response to the Commission's previous Swajchuk property update request, Pam Gery informed the members that Town Manager Karl Kilduff stated that the two potential sites for fields did not prove to have good soil. One has poor soil, and one has poor drainage. It can still be done, but it will be more costly than anticipated. The Augur property, however, has good soil and good drainage. The question was posed, does the Town stay with the original plans for the Swajchuk property which will be more costly, or should they look at the Augur property? She will meet with Mr. Kilduff, and will bring the plans for both properties to the next meeting for the Commission to review and discuss.

6) **PROGRAM REVIEW:**

Pam Gery reported that the Fall/Winter Program Brochure deadline is next week. New this time is the availability to register for programs and classes on line with credit card payments. She stated that the summer concerts which were switched from Fridays to Thursdays started out slowly with attendance, but it could have been due to questionable weather. There were some rain-outs also. The last two concerts drew large crowds, and she received great feedback. It is a good sign that they are worth keeping on Thursdays next year also. The Senior picnic also had a huge turnout. With regard to the Baked Potato and Roasted Corn Festival on August 4th, she distributed to the members an Excel spreadsheet showing Expenses and Revenue. She met with representatives of some of the public and civic groups to get their feedback just prior to this evening's meeting. She believes that forming committees next year for certain things (ie., an Entertainment Committee, a Clean-up Committee, etc.) will help. Lastly, she stated that she lost some of the regular volunteers for the Baked Potato Tent due to their civic group having participated with their own booth.

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

A discussion was held under Line Item (5), "Parks and Fields."

8) **BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Pam Gery stated that there was nothing to report on.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business to report on.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Ronald Bergmark made a Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Marie Diamond. All were in favor, none opposed, and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted By

Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk