

RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2011

Present: Mr. Kevin Bodnar (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
Mr. Salvatore Cortese, Chairman
Mrs. Jan McCabe
Mr. Gerard Sittmann, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Maggie Slawinski (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Mrs. Janelle Swift

Absent: Mr. Michael Breslin
Councilwoman Suzanne McCluskey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Cortese called the meeting to order. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been posted and published in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Cortese opened the meeting to the public to speak on matters other than those on the agenda. No comments were forthcoming, and this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Cortese advised that everything is progressing well with the Family Day event.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mrs. Slawinski moved to approve the vouchers, seconded by Mrs. Slawinski. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Family Day

Mr. Cortese asked Mr. Sittmann about the ice cream situation – is there an agreement to split the proceeds of sale? Usually, in the past, the Swim Team had a monopoly on these sales.

Mrs. Swift advised she had been at a recent Swim Team meeting. It was announced that because of the rental cost of the machine for the sno-cones, they would have to sell 250 sno-cones before breaking even. Therefore, they decided it would be best to split the profit on the ice cream with an honor system at the snack bar.

The consensus was that the Swim Team worked this out and it would be best for the Commission to accept their decision.

Mr. Sittmann commented that Karleen has been working very hard on the Family Day activities and what needs to be done.

Mr. Cortese advised that Mrs. Slawinski arrived at the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Bodnar listed who will do what at this event: (1) Theater (???) – popcorn, (2) Municipal Alliance – cotton candy, and (3) Swim Team and Baseball – ice cream. He commented on the various rides. There will be lots of rides for the younger children to enjoy. Volunteers are still needed from the different sports organizations. He reported that this year he received a lot of “pushback” from soccer – he will need to talk with the new soccer president, Bob O’Brien. Mr. Bodnar stated he needs “eight hours out of soccer.”

Mr. Cortese asked about determining a new way to encourage the sports organization to support Family Day. He wondered if a small percentage of the annual contribution (5%-6%) be held back and not given to them until they actively help out at the Family Day event. If they help out, they get the remaining 5%-6%, if they do not help out, then they do not get it.

Cross discussion of how to better encourage the sports organizations to help out as well as other possible alternatives, for example, paying for the help. The comment was made that there should be no more “implying”, but rather just state the “terms” of the annual contributions up front with the sports organizations. The discussion also recognized that it is essentially the same pool of volunteers for many of activities.

Community Park Pool

Mr. Sittmann advised that lifeguards will be needed in August to cover for those who are returning to college. A life saving course will be able to be offered at the Pool. He provided details on the process of how the lifeguards work – starting at the bottom, high end and the like. The Neighborhood House has inquired if they could be at the Pool in conjunction with their summer camp for one day a week during the month of July. He stated the Pool is just not set up to handle this type of activity for a variety of reasons. The employees listed on the documentation the members have at this meeting are already approved by the Council. Letters went out. He also explained the overall procedure for those hired to work at the Pool/Park, including working papers and other kinds of documentation. Cleaning is being done at the snack bar.

Summer Camp

Cross discussion about the various programs that are being offered as part of this season’s summer camp, including those programs that have solid registration as well as those that are somewhat struggling for registrations. Summer camp appears to be very well under control and organized.

Splash Party

The consensus was to hire Ronnie’s again. A band – or maybe two -- also needs to be hired. The suggestion was made to perhaps have a D.J. rather than a band. A D.J. would provide the ability to select appropriate music based on the attendees at the party – perhaps a D.J. could have karaoke capability, too.

Mr. Cortese advised the Mr. Bodnar arrived at 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Director Position

Mr. Cortese announced there are three candidates for the position of Recreation Director. He asked who would like to participate in the interview process. He would like to conduct the interviews all on the same night. Mr. Cortese and the members will check calendars following the meeting to identify a possible date on which the interviews can be held.

Mr. Cortese canvassed the Commission members in order to determine an agreeable date(s) for the interviews of the candidates. A schedule was created for the interviews. He stated he would e-mail the members who would be involved with the interviews to finalize the date and times.

Cross discussion about the two positions – part-time Recreation Director and Recreation (Events) Coordinator. The Recreation Director position advertised is the position that currently exists with job description changes. There was also discussion about the dividing of a position.

Sandwich Boards for Advertising

Mr. Swift stated that Councilwoman McCluskey has advised of the size of the sandwich board that Joyce put at Roberts Garden. One or more new boards can be made, but a decision must be made as to what these are needed for.

The consensus of the Commission was that such a board could be used for the opening day of the Pool, the theater performances, the splash party, the concert series, and the senior picnic. The board(s) would be 4' x 3'.

There being no further business, Mrs. Swift moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. McCabe. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Karleen Leahey

Commission Secretary

Maureen Sullivan

Recording Secretary