

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 23, 2008

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Donna Ragaini – Dawn Supranovich (arrived 7:35 pm) Mark Thompson – Joe Falcha, Chairman - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

TENNIS PROGRAM: Missy Orosz discussed a Summer Youth Tennis Clinic she would like to run for children ages 3-12. The program would provide basic tennis skills and be held at the tennis courts at Seymour High School, probably only using one or possibly two courts. The fees would be \$30.00 for residents for a 30 minute class for 3-5 year olds; \$45.00 for a 45 minute class for 6-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds. An additional \$10.00 would be charged for non-residents of any age. There would be no more than 8 children with one instructor for the younger children and 10-12 participants at a time for the older children. Participants would need to provide their own tennis racquet. The classes would be held Mondays and/or Wednesday evenings one or two times a week, depending on enrollment. There will be no make-ups for illness or vacation. Raindates will be Sunday mornings if necessary.

ZUMBA PROGRAM: Nikki Wyllie, Zumba Fitness Instructor, also informed members of a program she would like to see in town. This is a dance based, fitness program, for adults. It could become an afterschool program for children if deemed necessary. She would handle all the registrations. There is no minimum class size. Small groups could be held in a classroom but the gym is preferred for classes. Sessions run about one hour or a little longer if necessary. Her fees are \$65. for eight weeks for a one hour session, or \$110.00 for eight weeks for sessions twice a week. There are no makeup dates but a class can become back to back. As she spoke, she informed the Commission that 90% of the fee would become hers and the Recreation Department would receive the other 10%. Those interested in learning more about the program can research it on zumba.com on the internet.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM UPDATE: Jack reported he is still in need of more swim instructors and lifeguards for the summer program. At present, only one has applied. Registration night for children wishing to attend summer camp will be held May 6, 7, 8. Christine and Dawn offered to help with the registration nights. Jack has advertised the programs in the newspapers and through the

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schools. He has over 24 applications in for counselor positions. Tentative dates for staff interviews will be May 13, 15 and 20, subject to Commission members availability to help with the interview process.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to go out of order from the agenda in order to discuss summer camp. All in favor, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding summer camp one day a week at the Community Center rather than at the park itself. This would allow use of the gym, field, Cougars Den and any other area needed for scheduled program activities. A structured program would need to be set up in order for this to work.

Donna recommended that all camp counselors have an evaluation form filled out at the end of the season. Senior counselors would be responsible for the reviews which the Commission would again review in August.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Dawn to hold summer camp one day a week two out of the four weeks at the Community Center. This would begin starting July 14, 2008.

Donna – yes	Dawn – yes	Christine – yes	Joe L – yes
Mark – nay	Motion carried.		

Definite dates to have the Community Center available for the camp will be determined by the counselors once hired. Dates would be scheduled and placed on the calendars that are handed out the first day at each of the two parks. This will be a trial year to run this idea.

SUMMER ALL SPORTS CAMP: A discussion was held regarding the possibility of a summer all sports camp from the US Sports Institute, to be run July 7-11, 2008 at the Community Center. A multi sports program would run from 9:00 until 1:00 for the fee of \$120.00 for children ages 5-7. A second sports program would be run from 9:00 until 3:00 PM for \$140.00 for children aged 7-14. Also available is a Sports Squirts camp to introduce children ages 3-5 to a variety of sports.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to have the Summer All Sports program. All in favor, motion carried.

YOUTH CENTER RULES/REGULATIONS:

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to table this discussion until the May meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

SKATE PARK UPDATE: Jack reported that the Skate Park opened April 18, 2008 and had a large attendance the first weekend. An umbrella will be purchased by Jack so the employees can have some shade. Jack will check on renting a locked shed for the Skate Park properties. There was no report on the Safety Day being held soon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Dawn to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported the following:

Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 4/22/08.....\$5,935.83.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Jim Caprio requesting permission to sell ice cream at the summer camp again this year.

A letter from Jay Hatfield requesting extra dates for the gym from 6:00-8:00 on May 3, 2008. Also requested from 9-5:00 PM gym use on June 21 or June 28 and July 12 or July 15, depending on availability. Jack will work the dates out with Jay.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

“Wicked” and “Young Frankenstein” on Broadway will be advertised soon.

Jack is still looking for more swim instructors for summer camp.

Radio City Music Hall trip will be advertised soon.

The Finance Board approved the request to hire an assistant to help Jack out, starting with the new fiscal year in July. Joe, Jack and Mark had attended that meeting last month to make the request.

CALENDAR UPDATE: Jack handed out calendars to Commission members indicating events happening in May and June.

Continued Other Business:

A new sign will be put up on the outside stairs indicating where the Karate program is being held.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to have Jim Caprio as the ice cream man again at the summer camps. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to grant permission to Missy Orosz to run a Youth Tennis Clinic starting the week of June 23 for up to eight weeks. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Christine to grant permission to Nikki Wyllie to run a Zumba Program pending on fee schedule. Donna – yes Joe L. – yes Christine –yes
Mark – yes Dawn –abstained

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to hold the Zumba program if Nikki agrees to the Recreation Department getting 20% of the fee charged rather than the 10%. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dawn. and seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 **at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved - Jean Banks, Recording Secretary