Park and Recreation Commission

Andrew Cota, Chairman

Beverly Moran
James Benanto
Ronald Sill
James Butler Sr.
Bruce Sill
John Bittmann

Minutes

(meeting recorded)

Monthly meeting: Monday, May 14, 2018 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Ronald Sill, James Butler Sr., Bruce Sill and John Bittmann. Beverly Moran and James Benanto were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Athletic Director Clerk Jennifer Moffat was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION made by Ronald Sill and second by John Bittmann. Move to accept the minutes of April 9, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:
No one came forward.

CORRESPONDENCES:
Nothing was received.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:
Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell stated that Youth Soccer is underway at Witek Park. The irrigation system has been tested and functioning.

Little League is also underway and is going well.

Patching of the basketball courts at Coon Hollow is progressing and then the surface will be painted. This should satisfy surface safety concerns at this time.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Ms. Moffat was excused.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:
Update on the Football/Baseball/Field house Committees
Mr. O'Connell stated that the bids for the football field/track project came back above the funding amount. The Committee has reviewed the design and has made modifications to reduce the project costs. New bids will be solicited with a scheduled opening on June 1st. The Committee did determine that relocating the press box on the home side to the 50 yard line would be cost prohibitive and they determined that the press box could be located behind the visitors' bleachers using the access to said box by way of the bleachers. The Committee also determined that with a turf surface, the baseball field could also serve as the softball field. Mr. O'Connell did express some concern as to who and how this switching of the mound will be accomplished. He was uncertain where equipment will be stored. Commission members felt the details for use and storage will have to be further discussed going forward. The construction of the field house is progressing. Site work is underway with the land cleared and

regraded. Mr. O'Connell indicated that the 2018-2019 budget does reflect funds for the new building anticipating that the construction should be completed by February 2019.

Basketball rules and regulations for programs at the Derby Veteran's Community Center
Chairman Cota indicated that they are being finalized and will be presented next month.

Other business
Chairman Cota stated that the Board of Alderman voted for a 2% increase for the Parks and Recreation department employees. The Board will be working on structuring the salary increases to be consistent with City Hall employee contracts.

MOTION by Ronald Sill and second by Bruce Sill. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.